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Efforts to find missing sophomore continue

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With a suspect in jail and the investigation primarily finished, a body still has not been found in the case of a missing UNO student.

Jessica O'Grady's friends and family, in hopes of obtaining information as to her whereabouts, continued their efforts last week with a fundraiser for a reward fund.

O'Grady was last heard from on May 10. After several search efforts and an investigation into her disappearance, her boyfriend, Christopher Edwards, was arrested.

Edwards is charged with killing her and is now awaiting trial without bond. His trial date has been set for Dec. 4.

In the months since her disappearance, the family and friends of O'Grady set up a reward fund for any information leading to the recovery of her body.

Most recently, a fundraiser was held in the Milo Bail Student Center from Aug. 28 through Aug. 30. Friends of O'Grady's were present, sitting next to pictures of their missing friend.

The fundraiser was expected to raise around \$500, said organizer Kari Peterson.

Peterson, a junior elementary education major, said they had been "surprised by the number of people that had stopped to donate."

While the pain of their loss is still fresh in the volunteers' minds, many members of the UNO community were unaware of O'Grady's disappearance.

"Only about 40 percent of the students who stop actually remember what happened," said junior finance major Steve Kluthe as he asked students for donations.

"It's been really hard to just go up to people and ask them to donate," said Ryan Maher, a junior marketing student. "It's hard to even get them to stop as they walk by."

The money they raised will be contributed towards a reward fund, Peterson said. The fund serves as an incentive for anyone to come forward with information.

After donations and the most recent fundraisers, the fund currently stands at about \$10,000.

If no information is obtained, the money will be donated to local search and rescue operations that helped look for O'Grady, Peterson said.

Even with the difficulty of raising money from college students, the group of friends was still pleased with their work and how it will benefit the O'Grady family as they look for closure.

"Jessica was a good person," Peterson said, who has started off the new school term without her best friend for the first time in years.

"She was bubbly and energetic," she said. "She was just like me."

Those with any information, including anonymous leads, should contact the Douglas County Sheriff's Office at (402) 444-6000.



photo by Taylor Muller

Holly Stumme, a junior elementary education major, holds a collage of photos of friends and family of missing UNO sophomore Jessica O'Grady. Stumme was raising money and awareness for the O'Grady reward fund.

Smith steps down, many appointments made

Student Senate

SCOTT STEWART
NEWS EDITOR

The resignation of its vice president and the appointment of several new senators highlighted student government's first senate session of the fall semester.

Arriving 12 minutes late and leaving early, Student Government Vice President VaShawn Smith resigned Thursday, citing a lack of time to commit to the organization. His resignation takes effect on Sept. 14.

"He wasn't sure what to expect out of the CADRE program, which is a one year master's program," said President Steve Massara after the meeting. "So he's teaching full-time, going

to classes at night; he has a family, a child, a new home and I don't think he anticipated the workload. I greatly appreciated the time he spent on student government. I'll miss him."

Before announcing his resignation, Smith made several appointments that were confirmed in block by the senate in a divided 12-5 vote.

Penny Niles, a sophomore chemistry and biology major, was appointed chairman of the Traffic Appeals Commission, a part of the UNO student court system that has jurisdiction over contested parking tickets. Sam Hissad was

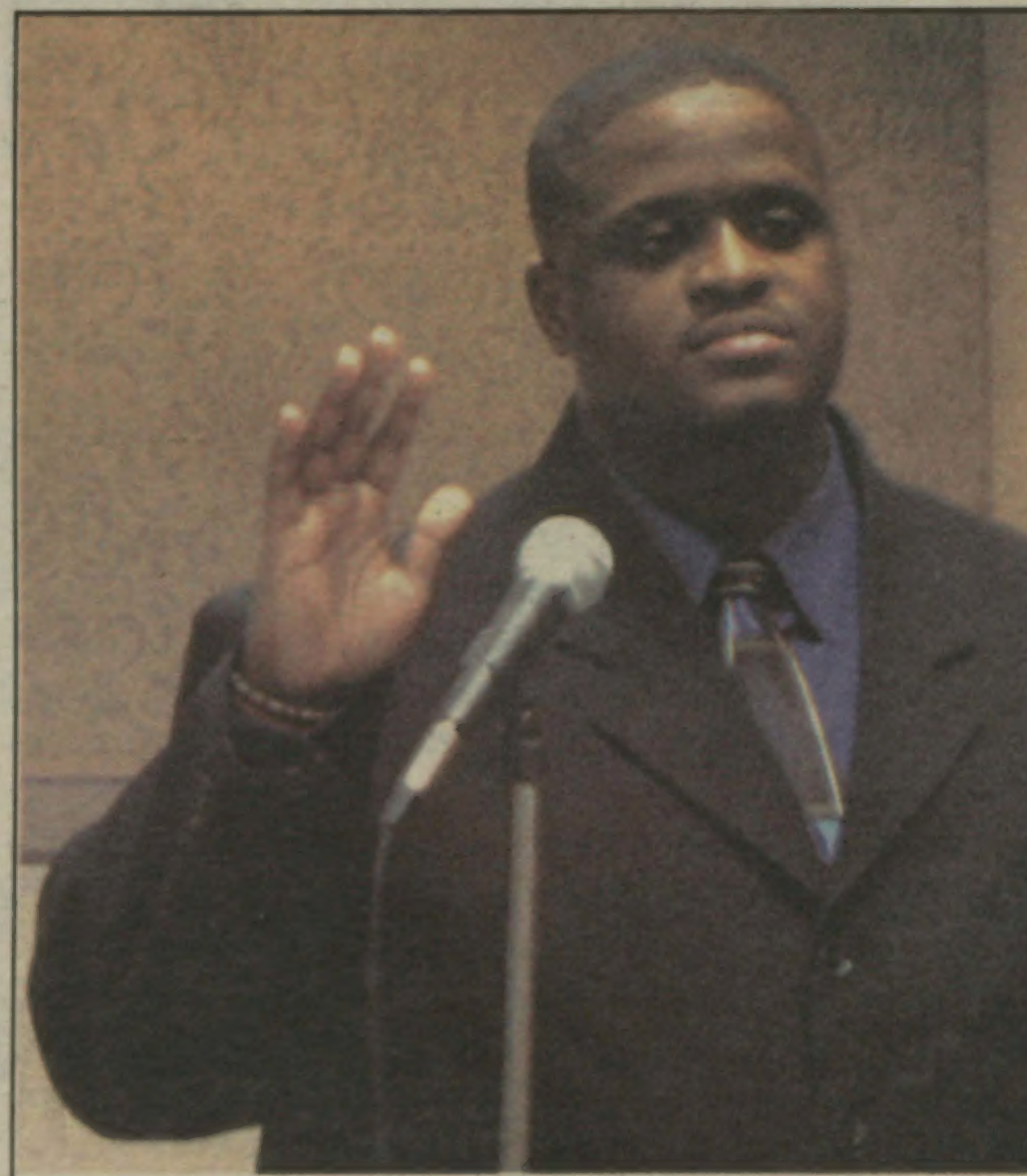


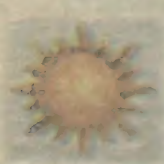
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VaShawn Smith takes his oath of office during his inauguration in the Milo Bail Student Center on Jan. 19, 2006.

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School of Criminology formed by NU Regents

TAYLOR MULLER
ASST. NEWS/SPORTS EDITOR

The university has continued its trend of regional and national prominence by creating a new school for its criminal justice department.

This move was the next evolutionary step after the program achieved national recognition, said the interim director John Crank.

The NU Board of Regents approved the creation of the UNO School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at its June 15 meeting. While criminal justice already had its own department, having its own school will increase its prominence.

"The difference between the old program and the new school is that the program has grown in recent years and become multifaceted," Crank said. "It's really been acting as a school for many years now."

While the name change might just be semantics, the meaning of it depends wholly on what the program does with itself, Crank said.

"Being a school gives us a broader recognition among other doctorate-granting institutions within our field," Crank said.

The department has been a joint collaboration

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Criminal justice professor passes away



Dr. Denn Roncek
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ANGI SADA
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A UNO professor past away after a long battle with cancer.

Dennis Roncek died Aug. 28. He was a professor of criminal justice and had been at UNO for 12 years.

According to the criminal justice department's Web site, Roncek had been a major force in their graduate studies programs, teaching all of the department's graduate courses in statistics.

Roncek graduated from high school in Chicago. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois-Chicago in 1969. He went on to earn his master of arts and doctorate degrees from University of Illinois-Urbana in 1972 and 1975, respectively.

A memorial service for Roncek was held Saturday, Sept. 2. He is survived by his wife a Susan, an enrollment specialist in the office of undergraduate admissions, and three children: Douglas, Andrea and Jennifer.

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ARTSaha! showcases music at UNO

Running from Sept. 6-10, ARTSaha! is a music festival with a variety of acts. This ANALOG arts ensemble is hosted by UNO and the Nebraska Humanities and Arts Council. Most events are free and take place on UNO.

More information, including a full schedule, is available at artsaha.org.

Learn to dance like a star

Campus Recreation and Mav-Rec Wellness are hosting swing, ballroom and Latin dance lessons. Classes start Sept. 17 and take place in room 230 of HPER. This runs Sept. 17 and 24 and Oct. 1 and 8. Swing lessons take place from 1 to 2 p.m., ballroom lessons from 2 to 3 p.m. and Latin dance lessons from 3 to 4 p.m. Fees for activity card holders are \$15, while non-activity cardholders pay \$18. Those wishing to take multiple classes should add \$5 per person per additional class.

New book club focused on being active

Jennifer White is seeking women wishing to become more active for her new book club, "Women Bound to Be Active".

The first meetings begin Sept. 11 and are located at five different sites across the metropolitan area. Those wanting to participate must attend three different times in the evening. The cost is \$75, which includes books and materials.

To register, contact Becky Laferriere at 554-2670 or rsronce@mail.unomaha.edu.

Writing Center opens satellite location

The Writing Center can now be accessed in three ways to help students improve their writing. The Writing Center is located in room 150 of Arts and Sciences Hall, but can also be accessed through the Internet or at the library.

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Walk-ins are accepted or individuals can book thirty-minute or hour-long appointments at unomaha.edu/writingcenter. No appointments are accepted in advance for the library satellite or the Web site, but sessions are limited to 15 minutes when others are waiting.

The center's hours are as follows:
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Writing Center Online
Sunday through Wednesday
7 to 9 p.m.
Thursday
5 to 7 p.m.

UNO showcases photo exhibit of "floating population"

The UNO Art Gallery will showcase the photography of Peter Szto. His exhibition, "The Floating Population in Guangzhou, China: A Visual Study", runs Sept. 8 through Oct. 16. This collection shows the plight of the estimated 150 to 200 million people who have migrated from China's rural areas to its major urban centers in search of work, economic freedom and material prosperity.

The UNO Art Gallery is located on the first floor of the Weber Fine Arts Building. Admission is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from noon to 4 p.m.; Thursday from noon to 8 p.m., and Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

UNO hosts audio conference on transgender inclusion

The university will host an interactive audio conference, "Facing Transgenders:

Inclusion, Advocacy and Empowerment," on Sept. 7 from noon to 1:30 p.m.

The presenter will cover topics such as cross-cultural communication, white privilege and social justice.

Participants can expect to increase their awareness of the existence of the transgender populations, elevate their campus as a leader in serving trans populations, and be more inclusive for transgender students, faculty, staff, alumni and other community members.

For more information, contact Kent J. Lavene at 554-3008.

ITS tech fair held Sept. 6

Information Technology Services will sponsor its annual tech fair on Sept. 6. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center Nebraska Room.

Stop by to learn about the latest technology available on campus. New products from technology vendors will be on display, and attendees can enter a drawing to win one of several prizes.

MBSC open house on Sept. 6

The open house for Student Organizations and Leadership Programs will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center. Free food will be available, as well as many organizations such as the Gateway, Multicultural Affairs, Student Health Services and others.

Student government to hold public forum

Student government will hold an election forum on Sept. 5 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center Fireside Lounge. Information about October elections and duties of office will be discussed.

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Students offer insight into lack of student government awareness

COLLEEN O'DOHERTY
STAFF WRITER

One thing all students on campus have in common, though, is that they are all represented by UNO's student government, whether they know it or not.

Student government represents the student body to the university administration and the NU Board of Regents.

It also allocates a portion of student fees, runs four student agencies and even manages traffic ticket appeals.

The question is whether students are aware of any of this.

Freshman Taylor Timperley said she didn't have the answer.

"I don't really know anything [about Student Government]," she said. "I haven't really looked into anything."

Fellow freshman Brittany Westberd also said she was not familiar with student government. When asked whether she was told anything about student government during orientation, she said "I don't remember."

Even those students who are trying to become involved on campus are not familiar with the organization.

"I'm trying to get involved, [but] I've been pretty busy," said junior Miguel Johnson. "They should have more info out there [about] how we can get involved."

James Shaw, president of the UNO Faculty Senate said life in general can make it hard for students to connect with student government.

"I think students care as much as they can, but their immediate priorities often limit their ability to participate in the life of campus," he said.

Shaw said juggling multiple responsibilities, like family and school, is an issue faced by many UNO students.

"My sense is that students at UNO typically participate to the extent that they can," Shaw said. "We have, I think, a tendency to beat ourselves up over levels of participation, but we too easily forget that students already have very busy, committed lives."

Student Government President Steve Massara agreed with Shaw.

"I always wish for a more active, boisterous student body, but I think we are progressing towards that," he said. "The wide variety of protests on campus over the past year increases student participation, and the number of well-run student organizations is rapidly increasing."

Massara has stressed the importance of visibility during his time as student government president, including awarding \$5 bills to a couple of student senate representatives who named his No. 1 goal for student government. (Answer: visibility.) He also made that a major plank in his election platform.

"I think if students knew how we could help them, they would care more about the organization that represents their interests," Massara said. "We are trying to do this with our intensive electronic visibility campaign."

Students can get more information on student government and how to get involved by visiting online at sguno.unomaha.edu.

Anyone interested in running for office this fall needs to submit an election packet, including a biography, no later than Sept. 11.

Massara also stressed the importance of students participating in the student government elections this fall. Voting will take place on Oct. 3 and 4 via the student government Web site.

"[Voting] takes about thirty seconds and will help elect qualified individuals to represent your interests at UNO," Massara said.

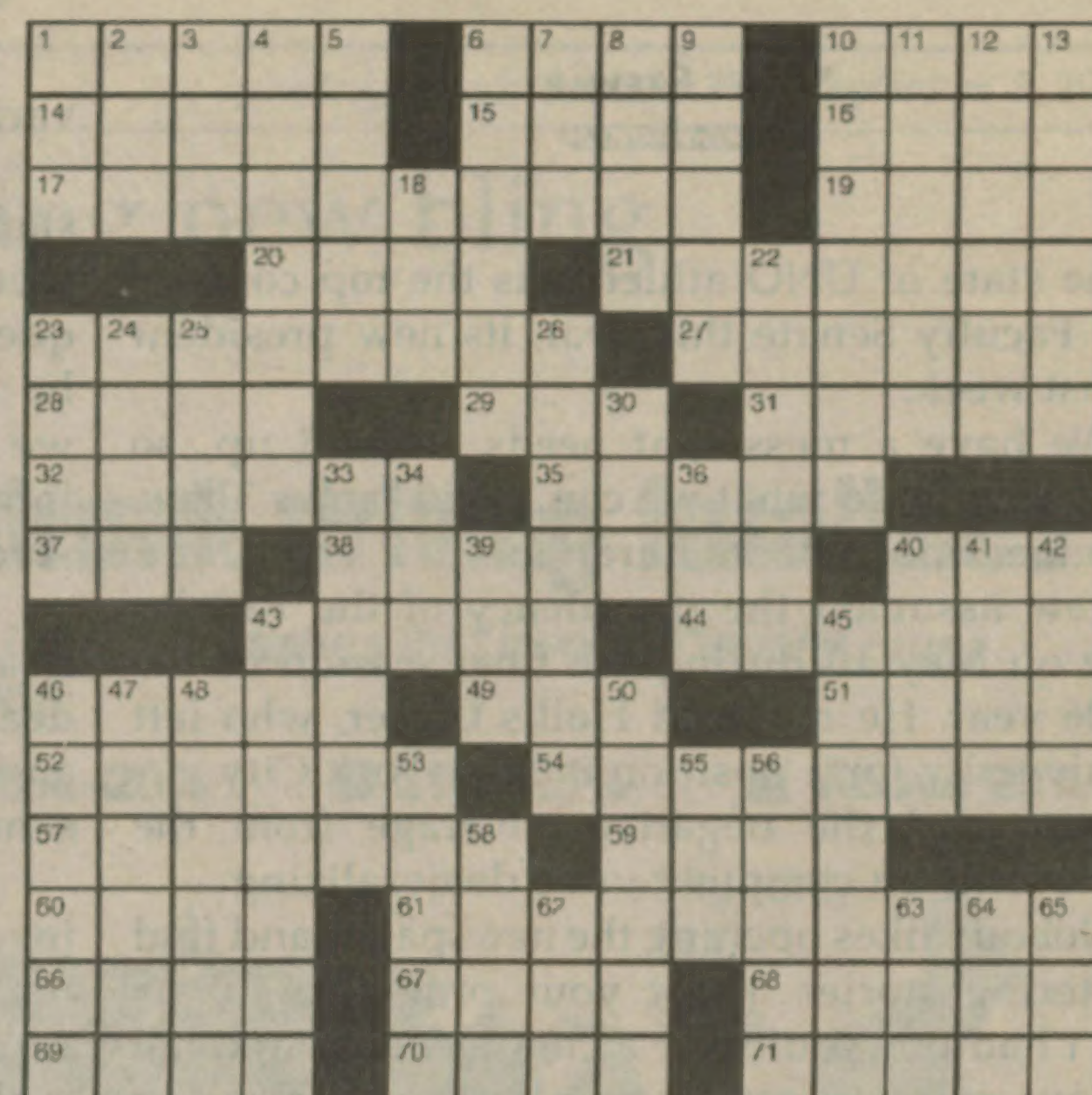
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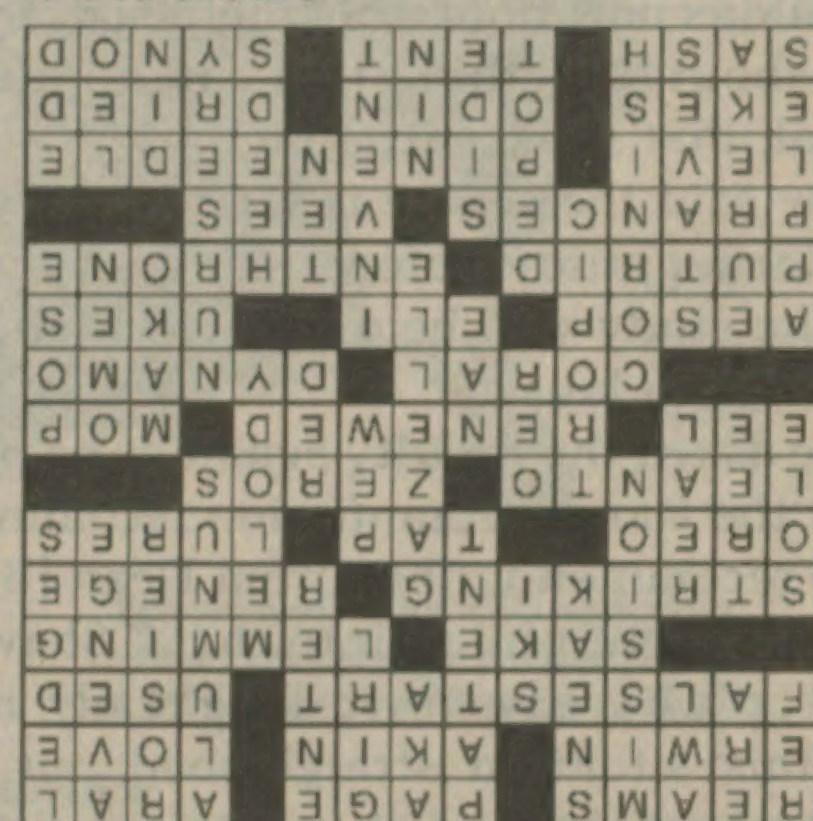
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Faculty president previews senate's agenda

SCOTT STEWART
NEWS EDITOR

The state of UNO athletics is the top concern of the Faculty Senate this year, its new president said last week.

"We have a mess that needs cleaned up, so we're going to do what we can," said James Shaw, government documents librarian.

Shaw assumed the presidency of the Faculty Senate on May 10 during the final session of the 2005-06 year. He replaced Hollis Glaser, who left the university for a position in New York City.

Shaw said the negative coverage from the recent events on campus can be demoralizing.

"Nobody likes opening the newspaper and find unflattering stories about your program," Shaw said. "I had one professor a couple weeks ago tell me about going to get his hair cut, and his barber asks him about what's going on at UNO. That's really great if you just won the championship or if one of your professors just got a write-up because of a fabulous new book she published. But if we're talking about something that could potentially be a scandal, that's disheartening."

Shaw said the senate is waiting for the results of the Karnes study before acting on the athletics issue. The study will be presented to the Board of Regents on Friday.

"I've asked the Faculty Senate to be patient and wait for the Karnes commission recommendations and the recommendations from Dean [B.J.] Reed's group that were pulled into that," Shaw said. "A lot of people have been working really, really hard to get this situation straightened out. It didn't happen overnight, and it will take a little time to get out."

In addition to the athletics issue, Shaw said he expects the Faculty Senate to look into revising the

various course evaluation forms used on campus.

"We might be able to recommend to campus a standardized form, so that every class on campus would have the same set of questions, consistent questions, for every class, for every student," he said. "We were thinking that if we did that, we would be able to capture higher quality information, comparable information, about how students are responding to how we teach."

The course evaluation form recommendation is a typical example of the issues Faculty Senate deals with. Curriculum approval, faculty welfare and major new initiatives are also areas where the senate is often involved, Shaw said.

"We can have a lot of influence," he said. "If it involves curriculum, the faculty of the university really does handle curriculum. Hypothetically, if enough faculty on campus felt, 'You know, we really need to freshen up the general education programs that all UNO students go through,' the Faculty Senate would be the lead organization in conducting that kind of review."

Shaw views his role as president as enabling the senators and committees that form the senate to do their work.

"I do attend a lot of meetings," he said. "I'll glean information from [those meetings] that I can bring back to the senate. I will also at times speak up when issues come up and I think it's important that a UNO perspective is brought to the table."

Another source of information that Shaw said the faculty takes into consideration is students. He encouraged anyone with concerns about the university, particularly in the area of curriculum, to speak with the faculty senator in their college.

"The Faculty Senate is the group that will take the global overview," he said. "We're not typically the make-or-break point, but we can be the tipping point."

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between the UNO and UNL campuses. This cooperation will continue, especially now as the school looks to extend its reach both regionally and locally.

"We will continue to provide services that are useful to the community," Crank said. "We will continue the kind of functional research that allows organizations to do good police work or correctional activity."

Currently, the school does not need to increase its faculty, staff or facilities, according to a

statement by the university. Its continued research and programs will be funded by outside sources.

"We want to provide a forum for discussing ideas within the community and to also develop the international part of the program," Crank said.

Because the program has been functioning as a school for the last few years, the effects felt by its students will be minimal.

With increased funding for its graduate studies and a focus on regional and global development, the school still has the primary goal of providing its students with a quality education and help to succeed.

"I want to be in the FBI and the counter-terrorist units," said criminal justice major Tim Chesnut. "The program gives me the background on criminal law to succeed, and there's also a terrorism class."

Chesnut thinks the program is worthy of the increased recognition.

"You can get in fairly easily," he said. "I think it is run very well; they seem to do a pretty good job."

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appointed a justice of the student court.

Smith's appointments included three graduate college senators: Brian Danter, political science; Gabriel Gonzalez, social work; and Adam Russel, economics. Before these appointments, Paul Dizona was the only graduate college senator, following the resignation of Rufino Villarreal last April.

Laurie Dutcher, a broadcasting and Spanish major whose appointment as chief executive officer

was rejected by the senate last spring, was appointed junior class senator.

Nathan Fuchtmann, a finance and real estate major, was appointed senior class senator.

Smith was questioned about whether he had informed two applicants that they would receive the junior class senator appointment. He responded that he had



Michael Smith

been busy and made the mistake.

"I don't think it was a lie; I think it was just a miscommunication," he said.

Following Smith's appointments, Speaker Aaron Gilliland appointed Kyla Sanden, student government recording secretary, as the new chief executive officer. Sanden was confirmed by a voice vote, with only a couple senators voting against her.

Gilliland nominated freshman Michael Smith to replace Sanden as recording secretary, a paid position in the student government. Smith resigned his senatorial position in April, after articles of impeachment were drafted against him for failing to meet the senate's attendance requirements.

"I was freshman senator," Smith said prior to his confirmation vote. "Unfortunately, I faced impeachment, so I resigned."

Gilliland assured the senate prior to the vote that Smith's attendance would not be a problem. After the meeting, he said Smith would do "a fine job" but refused to comment further.


Smith was also confirmed by a voice vote, with only a few senators dissenting. There was no debate on the issue.

After the confirmations, senators unanimously approved resolutions allocating \$230 for advertisements in the *Gateway* for the newly created Student Savings Club. They also approved \$200 to fund buses for the Feb. 2, 2007 Maverick hockey match against Michigan State at the Qwest Center in downtown Omaha.

Senators Dizona and Michael White voted against a third resolution that allocated \$1,500 to send Massara to the American Student Government Association's National Conference in Washington, D.C., from Sept. 14 to 17. Senators were told to expect around \$500 to return to the travel budget. Gilliland, maintaining a quiet presence at the lectern, abstained from the vote.

The senate also passed three letters of commendation at the meeting, thanking the Faculty Senate for its cooperation last spring, praising the Nebraska State Board of Education for recognizing American Sign Language as a national language and praising John Langan, dean of the College of Education, for his aesthetic improvements in Kayser Hall.

The senate's next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center. Community members may attend.




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Harsher DUI sentencing in Nebraska shows how serious drunk driving is.

Jamee Clasen
Senior Staff Writer

We've all been there.

It's late, and you just want to go home. You and your friends have been out all night drinking, but you think to yourself, "I'm probably okay to drive..."

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and you probably won't get caught this time. You decide to take a chance, promise yourself you'll be extra careful and get behind the wheel.

This fall, students may want to rethink driving under the influence; Nebraska's DUI laws just got tougher.

Gov. Dave Heineman recently signed a new law, Legislative Bill 925, creating tougher penalties for repeat DUI offenders, as well as drivers with a blood alcohol level of .15 or above.

Attorney General Jon Bruning, who included the bill in his 2006 legislative crime package, said, "These people are a menace to society and risk the lives of innocent Nebraskans every day. Our primary concern is protecting the public, and this initiative goes a long way toward that goal."

Other changes include enhanced penalties for motor vehicle homicides caused by DUI, as well as all hit-and-run offenders, and a 15-year license revocation as a part of any felony sentence for operating a motor vehicle during suspension.

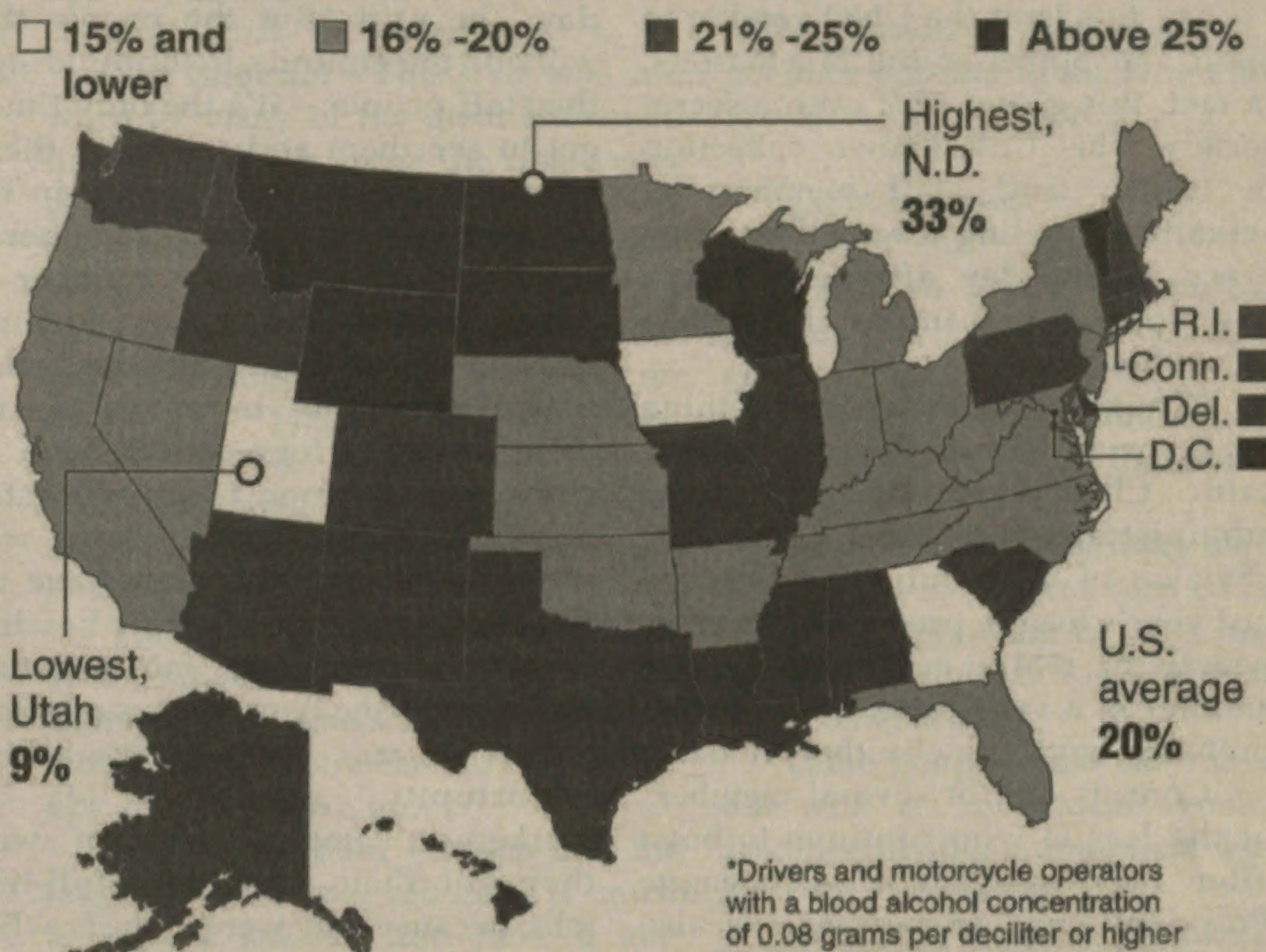
Also under the new law, Neb. judges now have the option to sentence DUI offenders to SCRAM (Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitor). The device straps to the offender's ankle and tests perspiration at least once an hour to check for alcohol content.

Don White, vice president of field operations for Alcohol Monitoring Systems, said he does not believe the current procedure, randomly testing DUI offenders

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Mapping drunk driving fatalities

Percentage of total U.S. fatal crashes that involved legally drunk drivers,* by state, 2005:



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For more than 40 years, a veritable "who's who" of professors, secretaries, administrators and groundskeepers at UNO have met almost every week to eat, drink and trade stories about their classes, students and co-workers. While most students have probably never heard of this group, chances are they know someone at UNO who is a member.

No, this isn't the UNO version of Skull and Bones or the Freemasons. In fact, this group isn't even a secret society. This little-known collection of faculty and staff members is actually a bowling league that meets every Wednesday afternoon just a few blocks from campus at the West Lanes Bowl.

"The bowling league is something very social within the university," said Cheryl Conn, a former administrative technician for the Division of Continuing Studies and last year's league president. "It helps people to really get to know one another in a very different way than probably anything else that we do."

Conn is one of several members of the league who continue to bowl after retiring from UNO. League President Lisa Adams, who is also the director of sports clubs at UNO, said the league has consistently been a place where faculty and staff have come back to keep up-to-date on campus issues.

"You learn a lot about what's going on at the university here," Adams said. "It's when you learn about different departments."

Loyalty to the league is something that is evident not only in those that stick around after retirement, but also in those that leave and then come back. Jerry Cederblom, chair of

the Goodrich Scholarship Program, originally started bowling in 1985, but left the league in 2000 due to other commitments. He decided to come back this year and to rejoin many of his former teammates who continued to bowl during his absence.

Cederblom explained that the thing that draws him to a league like this is the creation of personal relationships with his co-workers that he otherwise is unable to have.

"I see my faculty colleagues every day," he said. "But the people that work on the grounds, in the buildings, the staff people -- it's the only time I get to see them and talk with them. It brings the different people in the different roles on campus together."

Over the years, the number of those in the league has declined despite a loosening of the rules, which now only require that two members of a four-person team be current or former faculty or staff members. Adams understands why some might not think they have the time to dedicate to a weekly bowling league, but wishes more people understood the benefits it can offer.

"It's a huge networking opportunity," she said. "My co-workers in campus recreation swear they got their jobs, their full-time jobs, because they were in the bowling league as graduate students."

Whether it is the networking opportunities, the sense of community or simply the attraction of a competitive hobby to break the monotony during a work week, the members of the UNO faculty/staff bowling league will continue to set aside time and money to enjoy a round of games with co-workers, family and friends.

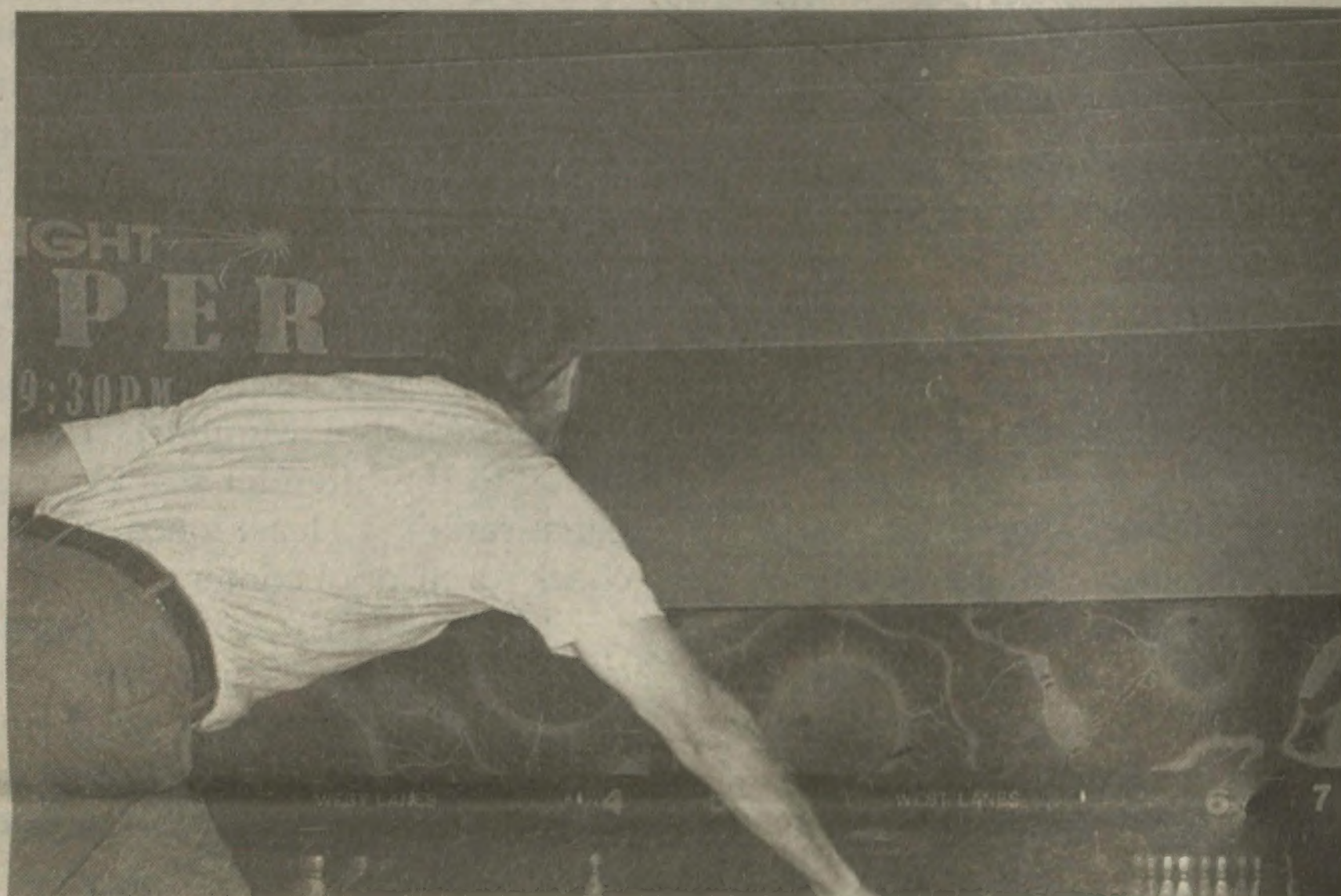
"It's just kind of a bright spot in the middle of the week; something to look forward to," Cederblom said.



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James Peoples (top) is one of the bowlers on the faculty/staff bowling league that meets at West Lanes Bowl.

UNO faculty and staff use the bowling league to break up the monotony during the work week.



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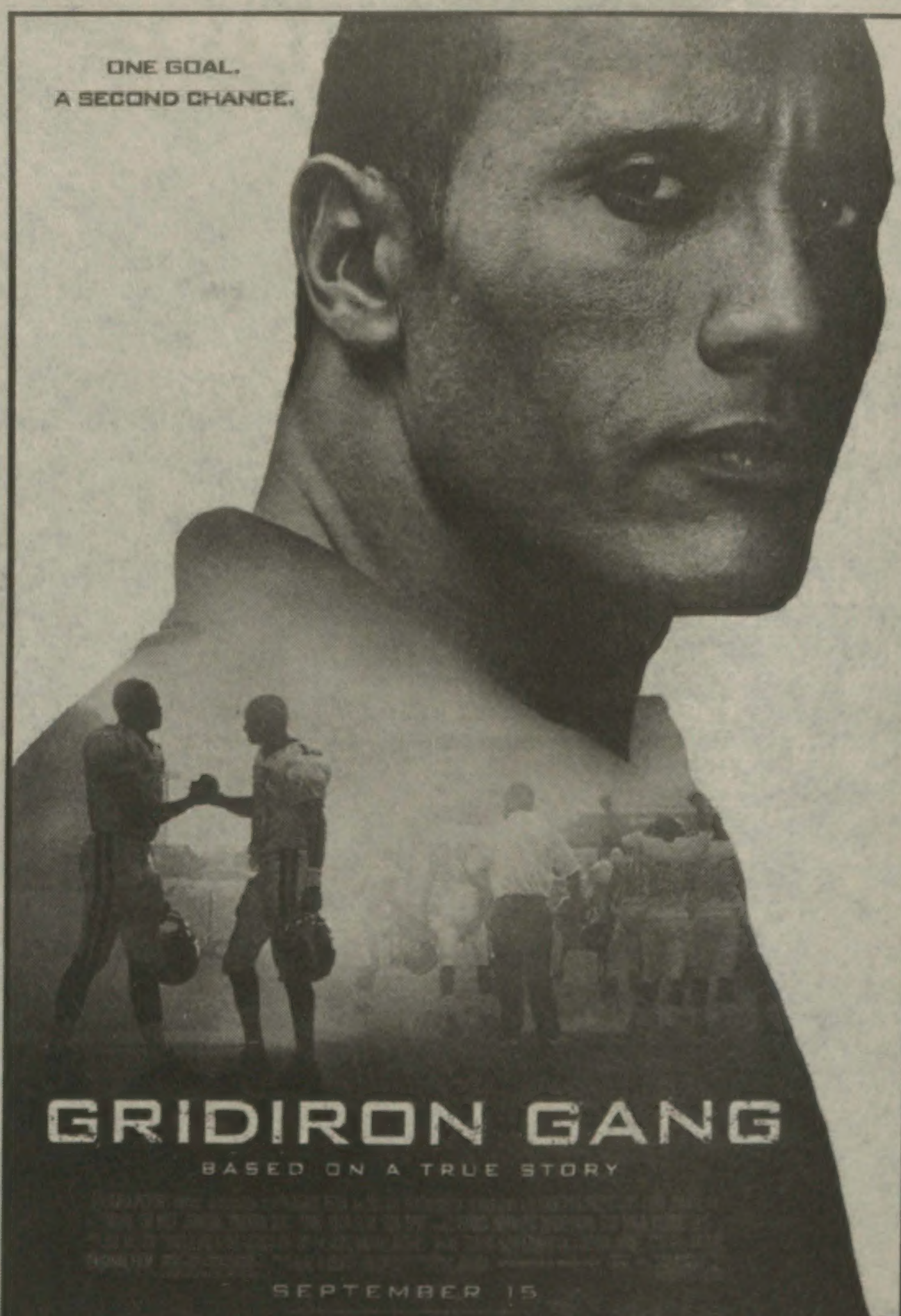


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The key to becoming studly: Go stubbly

COMMENTARY BY
ANDREW CUMBEE
ARTS AND LEISURE EDITOR

I make no claims of being an expert on fashion. I know a little about clothes and that's all I need to know to feel competent in modern society. But there is one area of the fashion world where I do claim expertise.

A new "accessory" is blossoming in men's style and it's one that you don't have to shell out hundreds of dollars for. The future of fashion as we know it lies in facial hair.

Have you ever looked around campus or work? It's everywhere. And it has been consistently getting more and more popular in the last few years, coming into the mainstream along with tattoos and piercings.

There's so much to do with facial hair and that's part of the attraction. What's coming back? What's never coming back? What will people think? I'll provide you the answers and give you what you need to know about the various styles.

Before we get into it, let's start with the basics. First of all, you need to be able to grow a beard. I know this seems like common knowledge, but we've all seen them. It has come to be known as the "high school moustache." Some call it "peach fuzz." If your beard is invisible to the naked eye, then more than likely you just look dirty. A good rule of thumb is, if someone asks you to shave or jokes about your "beard," you probably should shave immediately and give up hope of ever-growing facial hair. Just accept it. It's better this way; trust me.

If you pass the first test and can actually grow a beard, where do you go from there? There are many things that you can do with your beard. You could just shave it all off. But that's no fun and completely defeats the purpose of this article. On the opposite end of the spectrum just let it go entirely for weeks and see what happens. You'll have to decide for yourself whether or not you want to look like you belong in a ZZ Top video.

Between those two extremes lies a limitless amount of possibility. Below you will find a guide to the most familiar styles, how to label them and how to make them.

Beards and variations:

The Young Santa – Not far behind

the ZZ Top, is this festive style. The Santa must be groomed to give it the robust, rounded beard that a shopping mall Santa would have. Please note that this takes a while to grow and requires a work to pull off. Also called the Viking beard.

Sideburns – Back from the 1950s, sideburns were brought back to stay after "Beverly Hills: 90210." You can do what you want here. Make them as thin, or as thick as you want. You can make them as long as you want or as short. You can make them pointed, also. The one thing to keep in mind is that you need to keep the hair of your 'burns the same length or shorter than your actual hair. Unless you have a shaved head.

Stubble – Everyone knows what the stubble style is. This doesn't work for everyone. You have to time it out perfectly to get the right length; otherwise you will just look lazy.

Jaw line Beard – This, as the name implies, follows your jaw. It usually flows out of the sideburns, follows the jaw and comes together with the other side at the chin. You also get the added ability to customize, where you can add in any various chin beards or mustaches. More commonly known as the "Chinstrap."

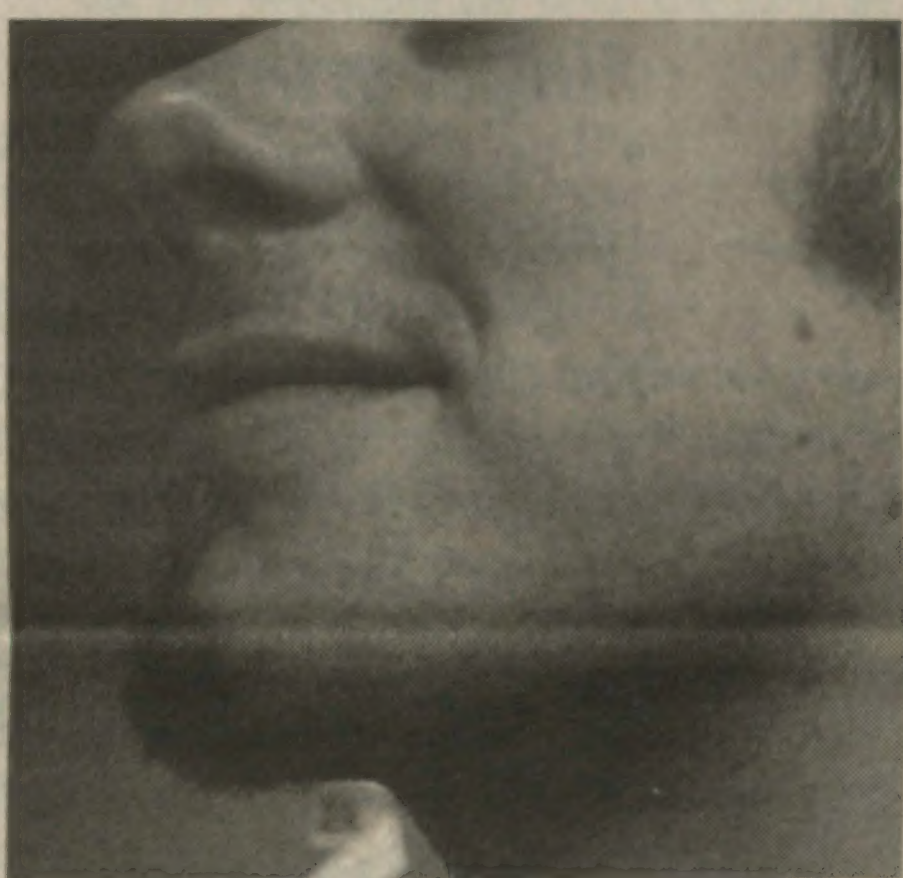


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The goatee is one of the many facial hair trends hitting the popular scene. Combined with a soul-patch, the look turns into a classic.

Goatee – The "goat" is extremely popular nowadays. The goatee is simply hair grown on the chin and is supposed to look like a billy goat, as much as possible. With this, try to put your own spin on it; otherwise you'll look like every other guy with

a beard.

Soul Patch – I prefer to call this "The Flavor Saver." It is achieved by growing out that tiny bit of hair right under the bottom lip.

Mustaches:

The Nosebeard – This is like the ZZ Top, but for mustaches. It can only be described as large and luxuriant. A variation on this is the "Walrus," which you would let grow over your lips. If you want to look like a cartoon character, grow the Walrus.

The Imperial – This style was one worn by many of the great showmen in history. Think about the ringmaster at a circus, and usually this 'stache will come to mind. It's thick and it stretches beyond the mouth with an upward curve. If you are under 40, try to not grow and Imperial. The variation on this is the "Handlebar," which can be thick or thin and requires far too much grooming with styling gel and moustache nets (to aid in the keeping it in the right shape).

The English – The English is now more common in combination with a chin beard of some sort. It is a narrow moustache that stretches to or past the lips and comes to a point.

The Pencil Thin – Much like the English, but less groomed. It must be closely sheared and have a gap between the moustache and the nose. Also called "The Chet Moustache." There's no way I can prove it, but I am positive that everyone named Chet has a pencil thin moustache.

The Fu Manchu – Possibly one of the most popular moustaches in recent times, the Manchu has taken the media by storm, most recently featured on the face of Colin Farrell in *Miami*

Vice. Personally, I feel that the name is wrong for this moustache. Fu Manchu always had that thing come off his face and he braided it. I tend to call the modern incarnation "The Truck Driver Moustache" or "The White Trash 'Stache." This is due in large part to the clientele that uses the Manchu.

The Toothbrush – This moustache has kind of been tainted. Although very popular in the early 1900s, the Toothbrush is now unwearable, thanks to its number one wearer, Adolph Hitler. It has actually be renamed "The Hitler Mustache." Probably will never get to be popular again. Hitler just had to ruin it for everyone.

Combinations:

The Van Dyke – Combine the English and a thick goatee and you'll get this gentlemanly style.

The Royale – Combine the English with the Soul Patch for this semi-fancy facial hair.

Muttonchops – These are the fattest sideburns you've ever seen connected to a bushy moustache. This one is a little out of style, but is totally primed for a comeback.

Lamb chops – Just like the above, but with no moustache connection. Traditionally, this is done in combination with the tousled hair look.

Again, these are the popular styles. While the Hitler is definitely not acceptable in contemporary society, these others are becoming more and more a part of modern style. You can do what you want, of course. Shave some shapes into your cheeks. Mix or alter existing styles. Experiment. But make sure to find the style that fits your face and your style. It is all about you; find the best style for you.

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on probation, is working. "Alcohol metabolizes so rapidly in the body that it's virtually impossible to 'catch' someone who's violating on a random alcohol testing program," he said. "If you can't test at least once every two to three hours, then you're going to miss 90 percent of drinking events."

UNO senior Jeff Kneifl, who received a BWI (Boating While Intoxicated) conviction last Memorial Day, disagrees with the SCRAM system.

"I don't think the new law will work," he said. "The ankle bracelet is a ridiculous idea."

Kneifl said he learned his lesson after his first conviction.

"I don't drink and drive like I used to," he said. "I have been much more responsible since it happened. Plus, I don't go out like I used to."

Senior Aaron Steinbach feels stricter penalties are an excellent idea. "I think the new law will help to crack down on drunk driving," he said. "If anything, it will be a deterrent."

Steinbach, who received a DUI conviction last semester, said his punishment was merely a slap on the wrist. He received six months of diversion and 90 days without a license.

"I definitely learned my lesson though," he said. "It's something I think about every time I'm drinking now." SCRAM is currently used in 36 states. It costs around \$12 a day, most of which is paid by the offender.

In a statement, former US Senator David Karnes said the SCRAM system will benefit everyone by making roadways safer. "The bottom line is that if they're not drinking, they're definitely not drinking and driving. It's that simple."

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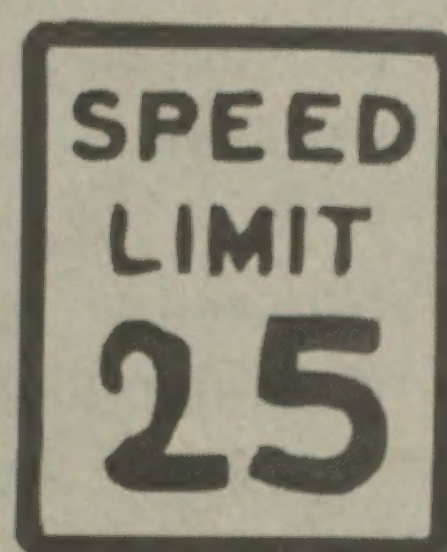
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SuperFoods: They taste good, you look good

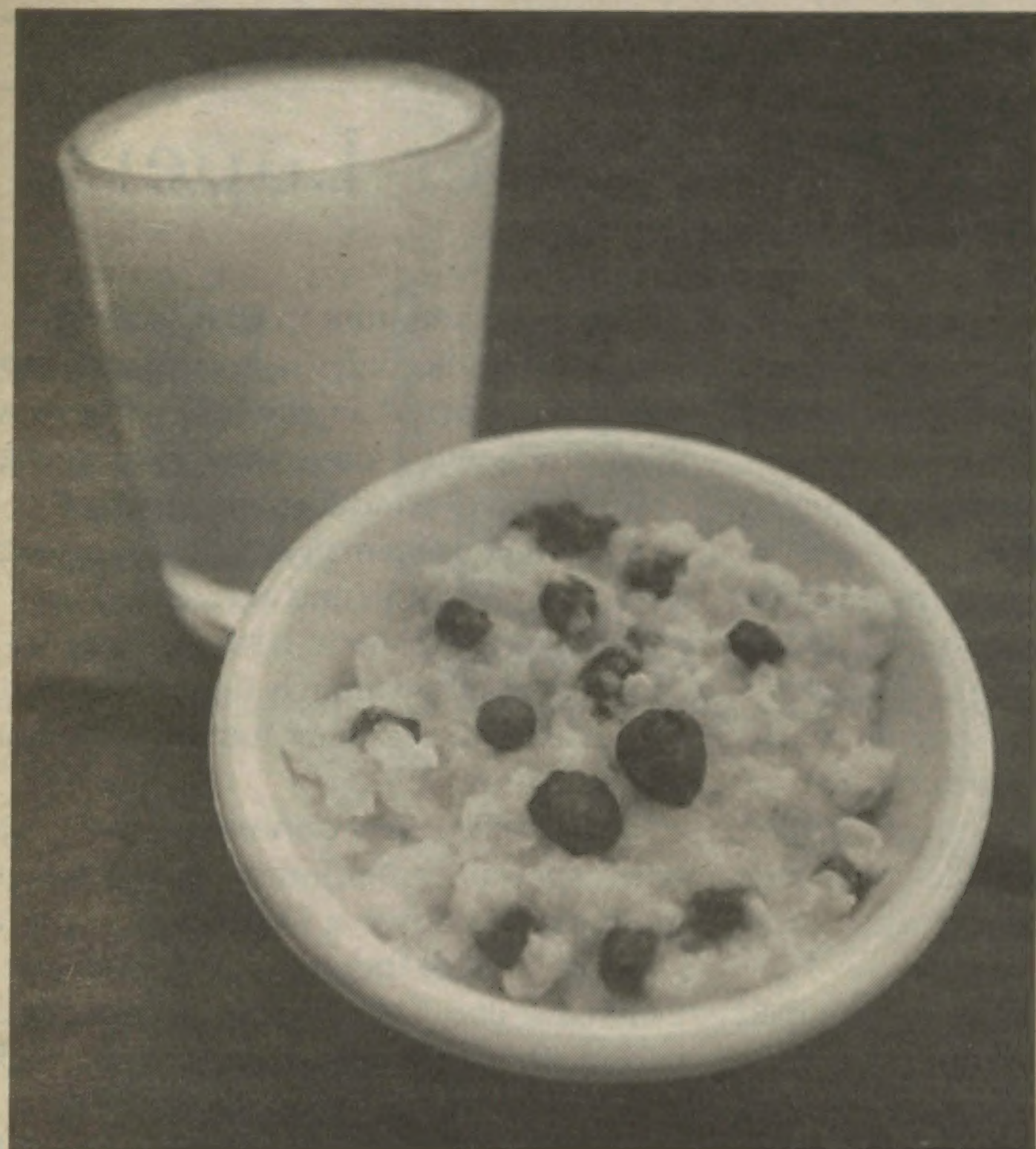


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Blueberries and oatmeal are two of the many Superfoods nutritionists claim have significant health benefits.

JAMEE CLASEN
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Most students have foods for different moods, and they aren't pretty. There's the "I'm hungry because it's 1 a.m." food - Taco Bell, or the "I'm having a bad day" food - ice cream. But, how about food for romance, food to help you live longer or even food to help your memory?

There is a better and healthier genre of food in town, and they have been called, by many in the know, "SuperFoods." They taste delicious, they're good for you and they may even have the power to change your life.

In his book, "SuperFoods HealthStyle," Dr. Steven Pratt, a senior staff ophthalmologist at Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla, Calif., discusses in detail several specific foods that have special, or "super," abilities.

In fact, Wild Oats Natural Marketplace developed an entire marketing plan around Pratt's idea of SuperFoods.

"SuperFoods are foods that are very nutrient dense," said Gina Moss, a registered dietician and the Wild Oats store nutritionist for both Omaha locations. "They're very tasty, minimally processed and usually natural."

Blueberries: the brain fruit

Blueberries are so important that Pratt lists them in his top three SuperFoods. According to WebMD.com, blueberries contain more antioxidants than any other single fruit or vegetable, and are one of the most powerful disease-fighting foods. They aid in cell health, and help prevent premature aging. Recent research, including a study in the *Journal of Neuroscience*, shows blueberries help improve short-term memory loss and may reduce the effects of age-related conditions such as Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Pratt recommends 1-2 cups daily.

Spinach: the nutrient champion

Yes, the vegetable we once dreaded to eat as children is another one of Pratt's top three SuperFoods.

"Calorie for calorie," Pratt wrote in his book, "spinach provides more nutrients than any other food."

Along with its leafy sidekicks kale, arugula, romaine lettuce and collards, spinach is an excellent source of beta-carotene, lutein (for eye health), folate and vitamin C. Also, research has shown a relationship between the consumption of spinach and the prevention of diseases such as cardiovascular disease, many forms of cancer (including breast cancer) and cataracts.

Dan Muller, UNO junior and vegetarian said kale is one of his favorite additions to soups and stews.

"You can cook it down like spinach or arugula," he said. "It is packed with a ton of the vitamins you need, and easy on the digestive system."

Wild salmon: the mega fish.

Wild salmon is rich in "omega-3 fatty acids," and is a great source of protein. There

is a plethora of research showing that omega-3s promote mental health, Pratt said. Also, the American Heart Association said omega-3 acids aid in the development of healthy hearts, and are excellent for those who have or are at risk for cardiovascular disease. They suggest consuming salmon and other omega-3-rich fish (such as Alaskan halibut, canned albacore, tuna or trout) twice-a-week for benefits that exceed heart health.

"Omega-3 fatty acids are what we call 'essential fats' because our body can't make them," said Mary Watson, registered dietician and UNO applied nutrition instructor. "They are necessary for the body, and they don't occur in very many food sources."

Oysters and chocolate: the sex foods

But, you might want to keep them separate. Oysters and chocolate have the reputation as natural aphrodisiacs, and, in moderation, they are good for you too.

According to WebMD.com, research found oysters, as well as clams and mussels, have two components that help with the buildup of sex hormones. The compounds have been shown in animal studies to trigger testosterone and estrogen release, which are involved during sexual excitement and activity. Pratt also lists oysters as SuperFood sidekicks to salmon.

Chocolate contains theobromine, a mild stimulant that releases hormones to the brain, creating a pleasurable effect. Surprisingly, Pratt lists dark chocolate, but only dark chocolate, as a SuperFood. Studies show it may help lower blood pressure, increase blood flow and ultimately contribute to a healthy heart, due to its antioxidant potential. He suggests small servings - about 100 calories of dark chocolate a day.

Kiwi fruit: the fuzzy superstar

One small kiwi contains as much vitamin C as an orange, according to the Wild Oats *Healthy Eating Plan* guide. It is also packed with folate, potassium and vitamin E, and has only about 46 calories per kiwi. "Kiwis are antioxidant all-stars," Pratt said.

Vitamin C is also necessary to help the immune system function properly, according to The World's Healthiest Foods, whfoods.org. Research has shown that ample intake of vitamin C may help prevent ear infections, arthritis and asthma, and is associated with a reduced death risk from heart disease, cancer and stroke. The Web site also states that eating just a couple of kiwi fruits a day

is nearly as effective as aspirin in preventing blood clots and reducing the amount of fats in your blood.

Beans: more than a musical fruit

Beans, members of the legume family, are an excellent source of low-fat protein. Pratt includes all beans as SuperFoods, and said they are one of his favorites. This is partially due to a recent study that showed people who regularly consumed beans had a significantly lower risk of overall mortality compared with non-bean eaters. Research also shows that eating beans on a regular basis can reduce obesity, lower cholesterol and lower the risk for type II diabetes and hypertension. Also, the fiber from beans may reduce the risk of heart disease, according to Wild Oats' *Healthy Eating Plan*.

Oats: not the enemy carb

"Oats are one of the true SuperFoods," Pratt wrote. They are low in calories, rich in protein and fiber, as well as an excellent source of magnesium, potassium, zinc, copper and many other minerals. Oats have also been linked in many studies to the reduction and prevention of heart disease, cancer, diabetes, stroke and obesity.

"Oat bran has been shown in clinical studies to lower cholesterol levels," said John Rupnow, who teaches "The Science of Food" at UNO.

The United States Department of Agriculture suggests looking for the word "whole" before grain names on the list of ingredients to insure maximum nutrition from oats. Pratt recommends eating whole-grain foods that contain a minimum of 10 grams of whole-grain fiber every day.

Several other foods are included in Pratt's Super Food group, including apples, broccoli, walnuts, olive oil, pumpkins, soy, tomatoes, turkey, pomegranates, avocado and low-fat or nonfat yogurt.

"SuperFoods is a new and very exciting area of nutrition," Watson said. "It's kind of an up-and-coming area."

The next time you're in the mood for fattening food, try a SuperFood instead. Most are inexpensive, and you'll feel better in the long run.

"College students don't have to be sucked into eating fast food all of the time," Moss said. "A lot of the SuperFoods are very portable, and you get a lot fuller on an apple than you do on a bag of chips."

UNO students dig up history in Israel

BRE GEHRKEN
STAFF WRITER

Most news reports involving Israel today are ones of war, death and upheaval. This is not that kind of story.

This summer, UNO students uncovered "the truth" while digging at Bethsaida, a 3,000-year-old city referred to seven times throughout the Bible.

Steve Reynolds, who coordinates the dig, explained that historically the site carries importance. First-century historians told accounts of actually being in Bethsaida and alluded to its involvement in the first Jewish revolt. Historians see it as a "prominent place in the formative ministry of Jesus."

"Ever since the Bible was written, people have been reading about Bethsaida," Reynolds said. "This is why it is a prime excavation site for scholars and students. It's an attractive thing to offer students, to

let them be part of a scientific exercise. It's a working laboratory. They get some field experience in a country that is extremely topical."

Some students go in hopes of uncovering lost treasure, and others find themselves in Bethsaida because they want to gain a glimpse of the daily life of a 3,000-year-old civilization.

Join next summer's Bethsaida dig

The summer dig season starts in May and ends in July. Each session goes for three weeks. If you are interested in going to Bethsaida, you can get more information at unomaha.edu/bethsaida. You may also reach Steve Reynolds in the Bethsaida Excavations office on the third floor of Arts and Sciences Hall or at 554-3108. If you wish to receive credit for the dig you may go to the study abroad advisor.

a collaborative effort of universities to have their scholars affiliated with us."

Reynolds said the money other schools pay to belong to this consortium helps fund the Bethsaida research and allows them to participate. In 2005, schools such as University of Hartford, Rocky Mountain College and Truman State University all

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Football team overcomes early woes to notch win over Lopers



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Zac Herold leaps up to haul in a reception as UNK's Jake Mandelko defends during the third quarter of Saturday's game at Al Caniglia Field.

JASON GLENN
SPORTS EDITOR

It didn't start out pretty, but the end result was a keeper.

The UNO football team overcame a 12-point second-quarter deficit, due in large part to some special teams miscues, to beat Nebraska-Kearney 29-19 at Caniglia Field Saturday night.

"We had a lot of special teams problems early," Head Coach Pat Behrns said. "It took us a while to get settled down and I was happy the way they settled down and finished the game out."

In the first quarter, a low snap forced punter Don Grafton to go to a knee and turn the ball over to the Lopers on the UNO 13-yard line. Outside linebacker Kenny Onatolu picked off a Kevin Arbuckle pass on the next play and returned it 50 yards to give the Mavericks some breathing room, but another bad snap on the ensuing field goal attempt gave UNK the ball back at the Mavs' 37 and led to an early second-quarter touchdown. Less than three minutes later, the Lopers would capitalize on a UNO fumble to make the score 12-0.

The Mavericks shook off the jitters on the next series, putting together a nine-play, 66-yard drive that led to a Troy Kush touchdown reception from quarterback Greg Wunderlich. The drive almost ended on a fumble, but offensive tackle Ben Hochstein made a heads-up play to keep the ball in UNO's possession.

The defense held Kearney to four-and-outs on their next two series before Kush got his second touchdown, this time off a Zach Miller pass, to put the Mavs up 14-12 going into the half. Miller, who started the game, said the two-quarterback system UNO employs worked out well for the team.

"As long as we get on the field and make plays," Miller said, "it doesn't matter who's doing it."

The teams traded possessions to start out the second half until about half way through the period, when Maverick cornerback Reed Taylor made a huge interception return for a touchdown to

swing the momentum to UNO's favor.

"I knew the defense had to step up and make a play," Taylor said. "It was a third down and I knew they were going to run some out and I just jumped it."

The defense remained stingy, forcing the Lopers to punt, and the offense took advantage. With their best drive of the game, an 81-yard march downfield that culminated in a Miller touchdown, the Mavs went up 27-12.

The backbreaker came two series later when special teamer Jarad Kness made a great play to down a Don Grafton punt and pin UNK at their own two-yard line. Defensive end Chris Smith put the final nail in the coffin with a sack in the end zone to give the defense a team safety.

"The series before that our coach told us 'it's time to clamp down,'" Smith said. "You can't have them on a seesaw, you've either got to beat them or not beat them. That was just something that needed to happen."

Kearney would score one more time, but it was little more than an afterthought.

For the game, UNO dominated Kearney in first downs, 24-6, and total offense, 379-152. The Mavericks picked up 202 yards on the ground, with senior workhorse Kyle Kasperbauer accounting for 79 of them on 19 carries. In addition to Onatolu and Taylor's interceptions, junior strong safety Randy Kush also had a pick, stopping a UNK drive at the UNO 11 in the fourth quarter. The Maverick defense effectively eliminated UNK's ground game, holding the Lopers to just 19 net rushing yards on 12 attempts.

Despite some typical early season problems, Behrns was pleased with his team's effort, composure and, especially, the outcome of the game.

"I thought we were pretty methodical about staying in it and not panicking; you know, nobody panicked out there," Behrns said. "We made a lot of mistakes; I made a lot of mistakes. Now what we've got to do is get them corrected and move on to next week. It's good to get a victory under your belt right now and feel good about what you're doing."



photo by Michelle Bishop

Nate Wurth charges past UNK defenders early in the third quarter. Wurth picked up 48 yards on nine carries.



photo by Michelle Bishop

Senior captain Kyle Kasperbauer rings the Victory Bell, which goes to the winner of the UNO-UNK football game. The Mavericks have won 26 of the 34 meetings between the schools, which began with a 20-0 UNK win in 1915.

Runners revel in wet weather, take second in opening meet at Chalco

Tahnee Tuenge (left) keeps up with the pack during Saturday's UNO/CU Invite at Chalco Hills. The Mavericks finished with a second-place team finish behind Nebraska in the opening cross country meet of the season.

photo by Jason Glenn



JASON GLENN
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a beautiful morning. If you're a duck or a cross country runner.

With the temperature hovering in the high 50s and a light rain steadily coming down, conditions were ideal for fast times at the UNO/CU Invitational at Chalco Hills Saturday.

"The weather was perfect," interim Head Coach Steve Smith said. "A little bit of a sprinkle, but not too much. It was nice."

Despite entering only five runners to Creighton's 12 and Nebraska's eight, UNO was able to grab three of the top 10 spots and come away with a second-place finish in the three-team meet.

"I think they ran really well," Smith said.

The Mavs were led by junior Kaylen Harris, who took advantage of the early spring-like day to cover the five-kilometer course in 18:59 and finish third overall. Freshman Mary Margaret Nelson was the second UNO runner to cross the line,

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In 19 years, Tim Hendricks produced over 120 all-american performances, including two national champions. He received the 2001 Distinguished Service Award from the NCAA II Coaches Association.

Hendricks retires as track, cross-country coach

JASON GLENN
SPORTS EDITOR

UNO track and cross country head coach Tim Hendricks announced his retirement last week after running the program for 19 years. Assistant Coach Steve Smith was named the interim head coach for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year.

"This is a step that I've been

exploring for some time," Hendricks said in a statement on the athletic department's Web site. "I decided that it would be best for myself, the program and the student-athletes to retire now, before we get into the season. It hasn't been an easy decision to make, but I do believe that's it's the right decision for me. I know Steve will do a great job in every way."

When asked about his reasons for

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Volleyball stays undefeated with four wins at Missouri Western

JASON GLENN
SPORTS EDITOR

A trend is emerging in UNO volleyball.

The 24th-ranked Mavs got the emotional climax out of the way early again, staving off match point in their first contest of the weekend to beat Emporia State 3-2 at the Missouri Western Ramada Inn Invitational. Just as they did last week, the team used the confidence and motivation of a hard fought initial victory to steamroll through the rest of the tournament, sweeping Fort Hays State, Missouri Western and Northwest Missouri State in the remaining three matches.

Emporia State played tough, but UNO's mistakes were ultimately what made it a close match. Still, what impressed Coach Rose Shires the most about her team was their ability to adapt. "For such a young group out on the court, they're just finding ways to win," said Shires.

Down 14-13 in the fifth game, the Mavericks dug in and notched three straight points, culminating with sophomore Amber Buysse's service ace to win the match. Senior outside hitter Christina Reicks was the driving force, picking up her third double-double of the season with 19 kills and 18 digs. Joining Reicks in the double-digit kill club were junior middle blocker Carlie Christensen with 16, junior rightside hitter Nicole McLeod with 11, freshman middle blocker Ellen Thommes with 12 and freshman Kelli Goesser, who netted 10 kills.

In their second match on Friday, the adrenaline-fueled Mavs laid siege to Fort Hays with 30-13, 30-13 and 30-19 game scores. Reicks again led the way, coming up one kill shy of another double-double, and Thommes continued her impressive rookie year, hitting .750 with no errors in 12 attempts. Another newbie, freshman Kayla Jansen, notched 12 digs to go with her 19 in the first match.

The Mavericks continued their dominant play in Saturday's first game, rolling over tournament host Missouri Western 30-22, 30-25 and 30-20. Christensen recorded 14 kills and four blocks and Reicks put one more double-double notch on her belt with 14 kills and 12 digs.

Their afternoon meeting with Northwest Missouri proved a bit more challenging. UNO had to put 34 points on the board in the third game to take the match. Christensen set the tone with 13 kills and no errors in 19 attempts for a hefty .684 hitting percentage. Senior Stacie Wemhoff anchored the defense with 11 digs.

For their efforts, Christensen, Reicks and Wemhoff were named to the all-tournament team.

The team got their coach's admiration for finding a way to keep on winning.

"I really believe that where we're at right now confidence-wise and what our strengths are in terms of our defensive game, our serving game and our ability to side out or score points from a multitude of people is really going to help us," said Shires.

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Soccer team nets two more shutouts to stay perfect on season



photo by Patrick Doty

Beth McGill works the ball upfield past Missouri Southern's Megan Walker during Sunday's game. McGill scored a pair of goals to lead the Mavs to a 5-0 win.

JASON GLENN
SPORTS EDITOR

Just beating teams isn't enough for the UNO soccer team, they won't even let their opponents score.

The top-ranked Mavs recorded two more shutouts over the weekend, topping Truman State 1-0 on Saturday and shutting down Missouri Southern 5-0 on Sunday.

"I think the key to both games really has been our commitment by these guys, their total commitment to defending and playing hard," said Coach Don Klosterman.

Truman State proved the toughest competition yet for the Mavericks, playing tight defense and keeping the game scoreless well into the second half. But, with 12:09 left in the game, senior midfielder Amber Richardson's corner kick found its way into the net to give UNO a 1-0 advantage.

That goal combined with junior goalkeeper Ellen Petersen's three-save shutout provided enough of a margin for the Mavs to keep their 2006 record spotless.

To Klosterman, the score belied his team's effort.

"I think we controlled the game and played an excellent game, especially the second half," Klosterman said. "We just didn't finish. Things happened like that where we had some really good chances and [we] just didn't finish."

Senior Beth McGill, who had a number of shots on goal that didn't quite find their target, echoed her coach's comments but also pointed out the bottom line.

"We're still keeping the pressure on and if we have to win by one, that's fine with me," she said with a

laugh. "We'll take the win however it comes."

The win came with considerably less suspense on Sunday. McGill got UNO on the board early, taking a Whitney Telschaw pass and depositing it in the corner of the net just 4:25 into the game. A little over ten minutes later, sophomore Casey Bigsby got her first career goal, converting a pass from junior Dani McCawley off of a corner kick from Richardson to put the Mavs up 2-0.

Then, like sharks in chum-filled waters, they started in for the kill, peppering the Lions with shot after shot and seldom letting the ball cross the center line.

Despite their furious efforts, the Mavericks didn't find the goal again until 12:00 into the second half when McGill notched her second goal of the game, a header off of a sharp crossing pass from Brandi Beale.

Beale and Erin Fosnaugh added goals in the final ten minutes of the game to make the final score 5-0. The Mavericks finished with 28 shot attempts, 20 of them on goal, and held Missouri Southern to only three shot attempts.

Even with UNO's record as pristine as it is, Klosterman believes there is always room for improvement. One of the improvements he has seen in his players is how they work together.

"Our communication has been a whole lot better. Our continued effort in making the right pass at the right time and at the right pace, things like that," Klosterman said. "After four games it's starting to show just a little bit more [that] they know where each other are."

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placing sixth in 19:23, and sophomore Kelli Mertes completed the Maverick top 10 trio, capturing ninth with a 19:47 run.

UNL's Ari Goldstein took the overall title in 18:33.

Junior Tahnee Tuenge, who ended the 2005 season with a seventh-place showing at the conference championships, just missed cracking the top 10 with a time of 20:06.5, half a second behind

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retiring, Hendricks was quick to point out that it was something he had been planning long before the recent troubles in the UNO sports program.

"This is not even remotely close to what's been going on in the athletic department," Hendricks said.

The announcement came as no surprise to Smith, who became assistant coach in January. He has known Hendricks for 20 years and said the former coach first told him of his plans four or five years ago.

"I already knew he was going to retire and that's kind of the reason he brought me up here to be his assistant," Smith said. "I'm really honored that he looked to me to take over the program when he left."

Despite the announcement coming less than a week before their first meet, Smith believes the team will weather the transition well.

"It'll be really smooth," Smith said. "The girls on the squad, track and cross country, you couldn't have a finer bunch of young women. They're real receptive to me and they love Tim. Tim's like a

Creighton's Anne Staeheli.

Smith, who took over the program after Tim Hendricks announced his retirement last week, said his first experience running the show was a good one.

"It was fun," Smith said. "It was enjoyable."

The Mavericks will be back on the trail Sept. 16 when they head to Pioneer Park in Lincoln for the Woody Greeno/Nebraska Wesleyan Invitational.

grandfather figure to them."

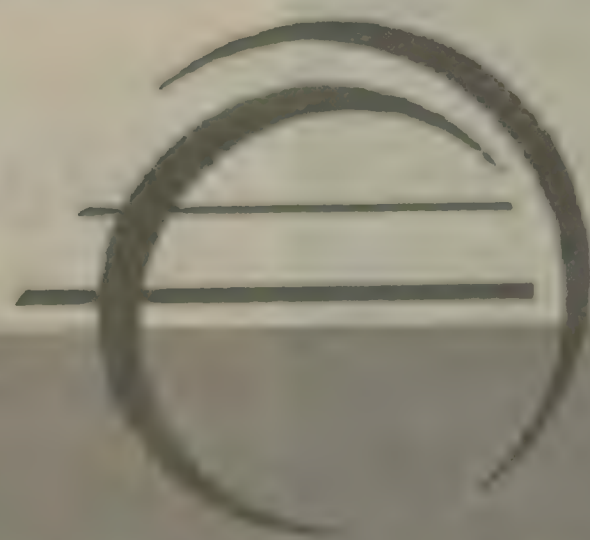
Even though he won't be calling the shots anymore, Hendricks said he'll remain an active supporter of the program he built into one of the best in Division II.

"I told the kids I'd be at all the meets," he said. "They'll run well."

As for how Hendricks is adjusting to his transition, the five-time North Central Conference coach of the year seems to be taking it in stride.

"Oh, I'm enjoying my retirement. I've only been retired for about a week, but I'm already enjoying it."

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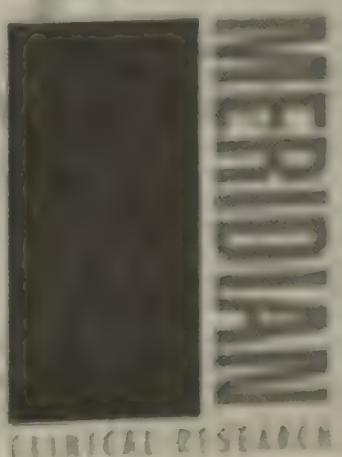
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Rumor Has It...

A look at what's in development--maybe



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Optimus Prime as his robot form from the new live action Transformers movie is portrayed in this photo which leaked to the Internet a few weeks ago.

ANDREW CUMBEE
ARTS AND LEISURE EDITOR

The summer movie season is finally, sadly over. To be honest, it was all down hill after *Mission: Impossible III*. I don't know

why, but everything seemed to be a huge disappointment this year, even the most anticipated film ever, *Snakes on a Plane*. And so, it must be with a sad and somber tone that I present to you all of the deals and projects to look forward to in the next couple years. But what does it really matter? *Superman* and *X-Men* and *Pirates* and *Miami Vice*...all ruined. I'm going to try not to get my hopes up for these movies, but if you want to you can, I guess. Sigh...

The Dark Knight Returns

First of all, the title for the new Batman flick is *The Dark Knight*. This is kind of cool. I like that they aren't trying to make the titles fit the whole *Batman Begins* theme. This movie is already getting exciting. Just like the first film, they are looking to bring back old and favorite characters, but they want them to be realistic.

As suggested by the end of the first film, the Joker will be the main villain in the sequel. But instead of going over-the-top with a comic actor, the people behind the movie have cast Heath Ledger in the role.

I can't wait to see what he does with the Joker; he's definitely proven that he can act with *Brokeback Mountain*, but I still can't picture what it'll be like. This is some interesting casting, though, and I can't wait to see the makeup.

Rumored at this point is other famous villains will at least be making cameos in this film. From now extremely dated information, we know that Two-Face is more than likely the main nemesis of the third film in the series. Harvey Dent, Gotham City district attorney, becomes Two-Face when the Joker throws acid in his face while on trial. Rumor is that Ryan Phillippe is at the top of a short list for that role right now. And here's a great rumor: Philip Seymour Hoffman may be playing the Penguin. Director Christopher Nolan has already tried to disprove that rumor, though, but from his comments it isn't quite clear whether or not Hoffman has been approached for another role. Or maybe he won't be Penguin in the next film, but rather, Oswald Cobblepot, the man who becomes the Penguin.

No matter what, this movie sounds interesting and Nolan says to expect something different.

Autobots:

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Starscream
Brawl
Bonecrusher
Barricade
Scorponok
Frenzy

More than meets the eye

Michael Bay's *Transformers* movie is moving forward at an incredible rate right now. Pictures have been leaked to the Internet almost on a daily basis.

Now I'm not going to lie, my expertise is extremely limited when it comes to the Transformers. I was a Ninja Turtles kid, what can I say? But I have seen extreme outrage erupt all over from fans.

First of all, Optimus Prime in truck form prominently features fake flames painted on his hood and sides. You know, I don't think it

looks that bad, but fans have been screaming for the death of Michael Bay. I think it might be a little uncalled for.

If you ask me, they need to change the Megatron design. He looks like a bug with spikes. For those that are in the know, your favorite characters that can be expected to appear in the movie when it is released *Independence Day 2007*, according to Yahoo! Movies are in the box within this story.

Quick Hits

Speaking of *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, the trailer to the new computer-generated movie featuring the turtles was released online. You can still view the teaser trailer at tmnt.warnerbros.com. This is the kind of preview that makes you cry from happiness.

Peter Jackson is in the news for two reasons. He's remaking the classic war film *The Dam Busters* about specialized pilots who flew missions to bust dams in Germany during WWII. Also, the rumor about him making *The Hobbit*, the prequel to *The Lord of the Rings*, is back. He's said he wants to do it; it has always been a matter of time. We'll have to see about that.

Tom Cruise and his producing partner Paula Wagner, say that *Mission: Impossible 4* will still happen when they get script that is good enough; with or without Paramount, who fired Cruise recently.

William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy are rumored to be returning as the characters they made famous in *Star Trek 11*, but whether they have large roles or cameos is unknown. J.J. Abrams, director of *Mission: Impossible III* is connected to the film.

George A. Romero is making a fifth film in his unstoppable zombie franchise that started with *Night of the Living Dead*, and continued with *Dawn of the Dead*, *Day of the Dead* and the recent *Land of the Dead*. The new one, *Diary of the Dead*, is about some student filmmakers in the woods who say they've learned how to use the zombies safely to make a horror film a la *The Blair Witch Project*. Sounds interesting. Also, the

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Krypton Comics opens its doors to newbies as well as comics, gaming geeks

COMMENTARY BY
AMANDA GOREY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Fifteen years ago, at the behest of some friends, I made an attempt to give comic book stores a chance. This mistake would live on in infamy. I would mock their passion for years.

I encountered damp, musty-smelling rooms staffed by condescending employees who were annoyed by human contact. How dare I interrupt their reading? I decided it was because they were jaded dweebs who couldn't be bothered to put their comic down for two minutes and engage in conversation. Maybe they just didn't know how to talk to girls.

When Dean Phillips opened Krypton Comics 13 years ago, it was in response to a trend he felt he was seeing in comic book stores. The very same trend I felt I had walked into many years ago. I can happily report that my recent visit was a far cry from my previous attempts. It's noticeable as soon as you walk in the doors.

The first things a visitor to Krypton encounters are things we've all seen before: branded logos from household names: Batman, Superman and Wonder Woman. While they all began in comic books, they all have one thing in common: crossover, mass-market appeal. I even saw my beloved Godzilla.

"Dean's vision is really pretty simple," said Ora McWilliams, gaming manager. "It was, and still is, important to him to create a non-threatening space with a people-oriented staff. We want people to come into the store and feel comfortable, whether they have been collecting and gaming for years, or they have wandered in after seeing the latest movie based on a book."

The large, brightly-lit and spacious store includes a section devoted to Manga, a Japanese comic format that has gained popularity in recent years. The new release wall showcases the more than 300 comics released monthly. A corner is devoted entirely to gaming: miniatures, pieces, cards and accessories. One wall is entirely action figures, a back wall of Star Wars memorabilia and the center of the room is flooded with the largest collection of back issues and out-of-print comics in the Omaha area.

One of the offerings I was most intrigued by is

actually one of the newest to the store, a section devoted entirely to art supplies. Pens, pencils, papers and inks; it's all there. On the third Saturday of each month, the shop sponsors the Artist Jam. During this event, an established comic book artist sits down and demonstrates the process involved in creating their own comic. McWilliams calls the Artist Jam the shop's "biggest and newest hit."

Krypton hosts tournaments for players of Magic: The Gathering, Hero Clix, Mech Wars and Yu-Gi-Oh. The events, which are co-sponsored by the games' creators, allow players to get together and compete for prizes. My visit coincided with "Friday Magic," a weekly tournament of Magic: The Gathering being played by a large crowd in the back corner.

The only look of horror I received for posing a rudimentary question came from some players, but not the staff. In fact, McWilliams and fellow employee Shane Ross were more than happy to answer my questions about how the various tournaments worked.

If Phillips' goal was to create an environment where even the most uninitiated person felt welcome to browse and ask questions, he has succeeded. The staff were inviting, funny and able to affectionately harass the regulars, while being gracious to a rube. The store layout is designed to welcome in the common man, while maintaining a stock worthy of connoisseurs.

The Spirit of Comics Retailer Award honors the best comics shops in the world. In July, Krypton was



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Ora McWilliams (far left), gaming manager at Krypton Comics, assists customers with gaming questions and purchases.

voted third best their second year in the rankings. Given at the annual Comic-Con, The Will Eisner Awards are considered to be one of the greatest awards in comic-dom. To be considered, shops must adhere to several guidelines ranging from industry knowledge; providing innovative material and creative marketing; adherence to ethical business practices; and a combination of charity work and community service — all of which Krypton has excelled in.

Krypton Comics is located at 2912 S. 84th St. The store is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday noon to 5 p.m. A comprehensive schedule of tournaments can be found on their Web site, kryptoncomicsomaha.com.



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Conan O'Brien owns the show as host at 58th Emmy Awards

COMMENTARY BY
RYAN RAKOWSKY
STAFF WRITER

It's official: Conan O'Brien is a comedy genius.

O'Brien was so side-splittingly original in his Emmy hosting tour on Aug. 27 that it left many of us wondering whether there was some way to sign him to host every Emmy awards show, maybe all awards shows.

Perhaps that's a little extreme, but you get the point.

Welcoming the audience to what he described as "the 58th and final Emmy Awards," O'Brien set the tone for the broadcast, bringing just enough of his farcical late-night talk show to the ceremony.

There may have never been a better opener than the prerecorded segments shown at this year's show. With a goal of reaching the Shrine Auditorium, O'Brien made accidental detours onto the sets and into the stories of "Lost," "The Office," "24," "House" and "South Park."

About to drop through the hatch from "Lost," Hurley, a character from the show, informed him that the cast was not invited to the Emmys this year, prompting a response of "Really? But you won last year? Nothing makes sense anymore."

Falling through to the set of "The Office," Dwight scolds prankster co-worker Jim, to which Jim replies casually, "No. I did not have Conan O'Brien fall through the ceiling."

Upon arrival in an exam room at Princeton Plainsborough Hospital, Dr. House makes his diagnosis, suspecting that O'Brien may be an albino. "Lips: thin, wormy. Eyes: beady. Age: 92 ...



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Here Conan O'Brien sports a moustache for a sketch on the annual television awards.

or 12. Body: awkwardly proportioned, no apparent muscular development. Subject emitting an odor of burnt cheese."

Each segment had the distinct feel of the show

he was dropping in on, from the beautifully framed cinematic scenes on the "Lost" island and the reality-show vibe of "The Office" to the pulse-pounding urgency of "24." Even Dr. House treated O'Brien just as rudely and sarcastically as he would one of his own patients with his response to Conan's mention that he was hosting the Emmys: "Well, isn't that a feather in your cap?"

But the fun didn't end there. Our host still had plenty of gags up his sleeve, including a song-and-dance routine mercilessly ridiculing his own network and a new strategy to keep acceptance speeches short: sealing "beloved television icon" Bob Newhart into an airtight cylinder with enough oxygen to last him until 10 o'clock sharp, the scheduled end of the show.

Other highlights included a moving tribute to a humble and grateful Dick Clark; some amusing banter was exchanged between presenters Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert, with Colbert whining in character that he lost to Barry Manilow for his category. In a surprise reunion, the stars of "Charlie's Angels" were brought together for an Aaron Spelling tribute.

Oh yes, and the awards themselves had good news to offer. First-time winners "24" and its star, Kiefer Sutherland, were welcome. So were wins by "The Office," Alan Alda for his role in the now-canceled "West Wing" and Jeremy Piven for his portrayal of snarky Hollywood agent Ari Gold in HBO's "Entourage."

This year's Emmys were solidly entertaining and O'Brien deserves all the accolades he has been given. Seriously, though, can Conan host again next year?

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third film of the franchise, *Day of the Dead*, is being remade as a sequel to the recent remake of *Dawn of the Dead*, but neither is connected to the 1993 remake of *Night of the Living Dead*. Confusing, I know.

Also in zombies, work has started on the sequel to

28 Days Later. *28 Weeks Later* tells the story of what has happened to the planet in that time period.

And finally, for his 50th anniversary, *Godzilla* has a new DVD being released this week. It features the original, unedited Japanese version of the film along with the

Americanized version with added scenes, *Godzilla: King of the Monsters*. What's cool about this is the original Japanese cut has never made it to America in anything but bootlegs. If you check it out remember to look for the Japanese name, not the American one, *Gojira*.

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Ahmadinejad's challenge should be answered by U.S. president

Sinister Slant



Scott Stewart

The United States Senate has called him anti-Semitic. United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan called him a bigot. He's routinely compared with men like Adolf Hitler.

Nevertheless, the rhetoric of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad still somehow manages to challenge the validity of U.S. foreign policy.

Ahmadinejad conducted a press conference on Aug. 29, where he gave prepared remarks and responded to a number of questions on various issues. I happened upon a rebroadcast of this conference on C-SPAN the next day and had the opportunity to experience some of his methods for myself.

Like any politician, he dodged questions he didn't feel like answering, particularly domestic questions. He also ranted at times, including a long rant on the U.S. occupation of Iraq, where he questioned the motivation of our continued presence.

What struck me as interesting, though, was not the mixture of half-truths and lies that any politician, local or international, will give you. It was the way he chose to frame his position, the words that he consistently used.

When someone like Vice President Dick Cheney speaks, they commonly mention the global war on terrorism and the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001. In fact, when Cheney spoke to the soldiers at Offutt AFB the same day Ahmadinejad gave his conference, Cheney spent roughly one-sixth of his words directly discussing the Sept. 11 attacks.

When Ahmadinejad speaks, words like "Zionism" are common. But what

differentiates Ahmadinejad from men like Cheney is that he actually appeals to ideals like reason, sovereignty, and even fairness.

Of course, he's a politician: A politician in a theocracy that has denied the existence of the Holocaust.

But you have to ask why he is able to make an appeal to these things, when the United States seems only able to appeal to fear, hatred and a misconception of ideals like peace (through war), strength (through ignorance) and freedom (through slavery).

Why does Iran, time and time again, use more reasonable-sounding language than the United States?

Iran believes it has the right to explore nuclear energy. When questioned about nuclear weapons, it asks why the United States doesn't first fulfill its obligations to disarm.

Iran believes that Israel does not have the right to exist. Historically speaking, Israel is an artificially created country formed by the United Nations after the eventual distribution of territory following the collapse of the Ottoman Empire after World War I.

With Iran questioning U.S. imperialism and challenging the veto power we have in the U.N. Security Council, would addressing these concerns truly be a bad idea?

Among his remarks, Ahmadinejad challenged the U.S. to a televised debate.

"I suggest holding a live TV debate with Mr. George W. Bush to talk about world affairs and the ways to solve those issues," he said. "The debate should go uncensored in order for the American people to be able to listen to what we say and they should not restrict the American people from hearing the truth."

The White House dismissed the idea, calling it a diversion.

I think that is a pity, though. I would love to see Bush answer some real questions about American foreign policy.

But more importantly, I would love to see America shame Iran, rather than the other way around.

Have our colleges failed U.S.?

By SILVIO LACCETTI
(MCT)

Millions of college students are now returning to school. U.S. News & World Report has just released its latest, much-heralded ranking of America's best colleges. Amid all this activity and fanfare, we might ask how our system of higher education is faring.

The system is failing, according to a less-heralded study conducted by the American Institutes for Research earlier this year.

Its survey of college literacy indicates that most college students can't perform an array of "common but complex" assignments: like balancing a checkbook, understanding simple charts or comprehending this article. Only 38 percent can do the latter.

Leaders in all areas of society must ask "why?" "What's wrong?" I ask why such dubious performers are in four-year colleges to begin with. What kinds of institutions have colleges become and what is their proper place in a pressure-packed 21st century that seems to require higher education of all Americans?

In the last 60 years, colleges have taken on a multiplicity of purposes and meanings, most of which are not central to the historic function of the college as an educational institution.

First and foremost, college has become a big business, as have most other aspects of education and training. There are 18 million college students. They are customers, or consumers of educational services. Program offerings are profit centers. The all-important appropriate "market share" is sought by clever public relations campaigns and through the purportedly unbiased annual ranking surveys. Every college wants to top out its own targeted market share of students. If, during their stay, students are educationally short-changed, who cares? We know they can't balance their checkbooks anyway!

The big business culture in education can inhibit academics and can debilitate programs, which, though necessary, may not be profitable in an economic or public relations sense.

For the big colleges, especially the NCAA category, the intrusion of pre-professional sports dovetails well with the economic model of college as a big business. For example, the Bowl Championship Series football games produce \$150 million in revenue for participating teams and conferences. TV revenues are enormous. Cable and TV network sports programs are ubiquitous. Big name coaches are usually the highest paid employees on campus.

The money, hype and lure of big-time athletics send the wrong message to our society — and to the world community — as to what college is all about. In particular, the televised

world of sports-crazed fans ties in with what is perhaps the most insidious function of contemporary colleges: the extension of adolescent dependence in millions of young people. The public should never underestimate the role of parties, drinking bouts or spring break hijinks as portrayed in the print, media, movies, TV and beer commercials.

For far too many individuals, college has become an adventure in hedonism. In this mode of operation, college keeps our youth occupied and out of the economy, which has no place for them anyway. For a growing number, adolescence continues even after college graduation — witness the post-baccalaureate migration home!

The most important new social function colleges have acquired in the post-World War II period has been career preparation. Go to college so that you can get a good job. Of course, preparation for a productive life, for example in the ministry, has long been an aim of higher education, but the narrowing vocationalism and economic imperative of it all is something more recent. The globalizing, high-tech service economy demands post-secondary training. The American Institutes for Research survey suggests that only about 38 percent of ready-to-graduate students can "perform complex tasks" across the board. Thirty-eight percent is a failing grade.

What is impressive is that the United States has done so well in the world politically and economically, given the dismal findings of the survey. The only explanation for this must lie in those students in various colleges, not just the elite institutions, who possess the mandatory creative, analytical and critical reasoning skills. These students MUST BE in college where such skills are developed, expanded and refined, or the U.S. fails utterly.

For America to continue its world leadership colleges must first and foremost be about learning. Students must develop their creative powers, which foster new ideas and technologies.

Students should cultivate analytical abilities in order to understand complex issues; and they should know how to apply critical reasoning to the various problems of our age. We must seek to increase the required number of potentially talented students drawn from every class and sector of society.

But to accomplish any fundamental change, we must first be able to read the handwriting on the wall.

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Guest Voice

Religious bullies at UNO again

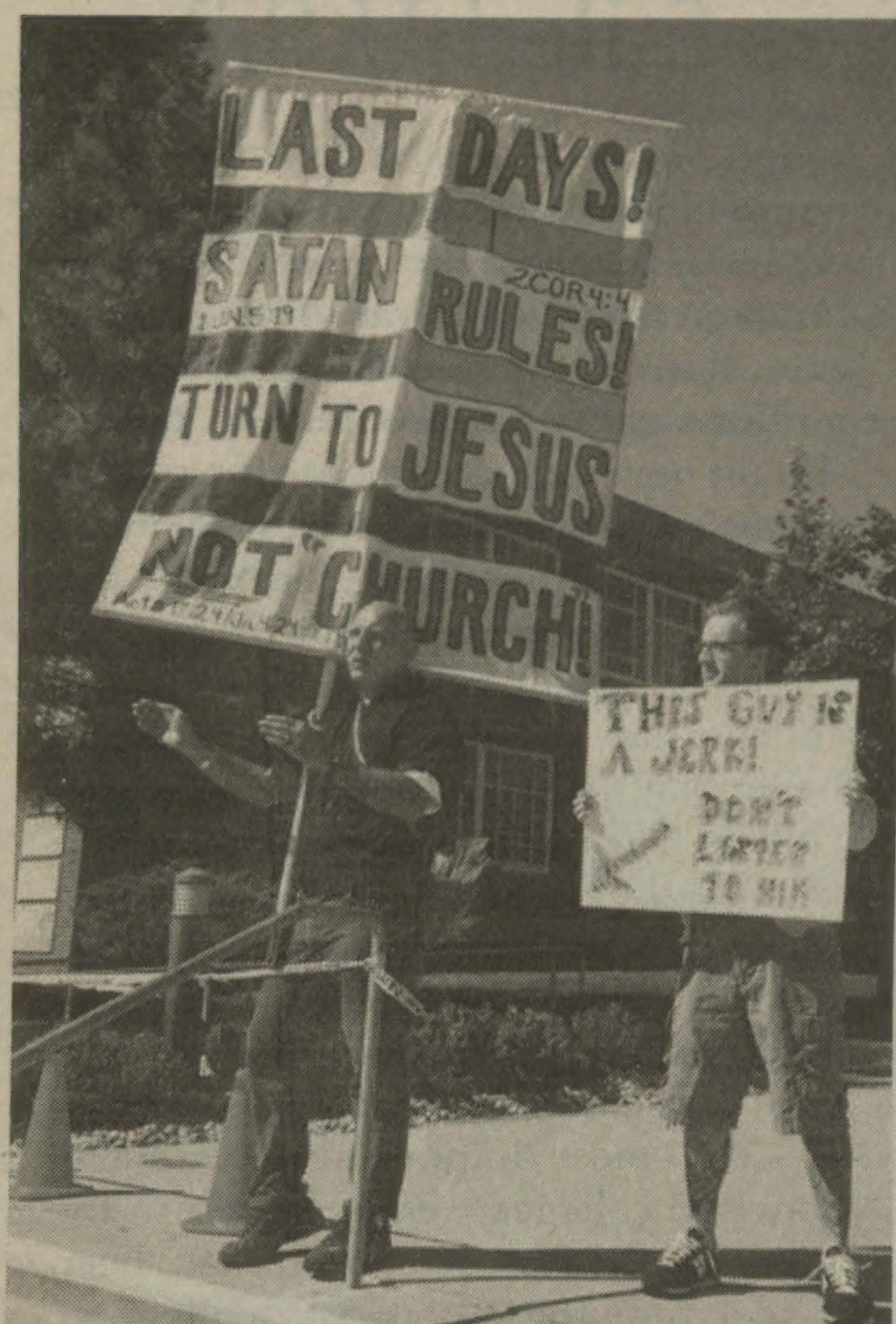


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Nicholas Gunia creates his own sign in defiance of Michael Woroniecki.

COMMENTARY BY PATRICK DOTY

Freedom of religion is just one of several brilliant ideas our American forefathers dreamt up that is a large contributor to our nation's present-day power and world prominence. An idea so brilliant it is envied by some and hated by others who can't comprehend dozens of religious groups living harmoniously in the same community. Thousands upon thousands have flocked to the states to avoid religious persecution in their homelands in search of a better life.

This is the beauty of America, being able to walk down the street without fear of oppression. However, we are not perfect, as some Americans still judge others on the color of their skin or the title of their holy book. On Wednesday, August 30, Michael Woroniecki and his daughter Elizabeth stood in the plaza of the Milo Bail Student Center and did just that.

"You think you're so individual," Woroniecki yelled across the plaza. "You're all the same. It's like that movie 'The Matrix.'"

I am not writing this to judge Woroniecki's beliefs. I respect his passion and knowledge of what he believes in. If he wants to believe that Satan is controlling all of us like the machines in *The Matrix*, he can and I have no right to tell him he is stupid, or that he will go to hell if he does not convert to Catholicism. Yet this is exactly what he was shouting into the ears of every passerby that cared to listen to a man holding an enormous sign that read, "Last Days! Satan Rules! Turn to Jesus, not church!"

My reason for writing this is to try to get across to people like Woroniecki that it is not up to him to decide what everyone around him thinks about Jesus,

God, the afterlife; and to do this without shouting and arguing. Anyone who knows me knows my mellow nature, my aversion to conflict and my severe fear of group discussions. There were a lot of comments I would have liked to shout back to Woroniecki when he was saying things such as "Do you want to be a hypocrite like your mom and dad?" But I refrained. I decided using my pen would be a much more effective response to Woroniecki's attack of everything I have believed in and the way I have lived my life for the past 22 years.

Roger Garcia, a UNO student, was also in the plaza listening to Woroniecki's often insulting proclamations. He and I were talking about the group that came to the campus last year with signs that were even more controversial, causing things to get almost violent.

"I'm too much of a Christian to get up in this guy's face," Garcia said. "I'm a Presbyterian; I go out and help people, not tell them they are going to hell."

If people like Woroniecki would listen when told things like what Garcia said, instead of spouting off a bible passage and a witty insult, perhaps people would be more inclined to listen to them. Another piece of advice that Woroniecki could benefit by listening to comes from Ryan Lankin, another UNO student that stopped to listen to Woroniecki after his morning classes ended.

"Actually preach God's love instead of using this anti-rhetoric," Lankin said.

I couldn't have said it better myself. Instead of coming to the campus, setting up your controversial signs and yelling to the masses "join us or go to Hell," maybe you should tell us *why* you think we should convert.

But is that why you are here, to get us to convert? I am not so sure. It seems to me that you love the conflict. You love the adrenaline rush that pumps through your veins when you anger someone to the point of near-violence; getting a boisterous young college student to stand up in your face, inches away; one insult shy of throwing a fist. You're just the bully on the playground during recess, the troll in the online forum, the Germany of World War II.

Thankfully, not every group that comes to campus is like Woroniecki. Plenty of religious groups come to UNO and simply hand out bibles or flyers with a smile and a "God bless." I only hope that groups like Woroniecki's will read this and learn from the polite ones.

And if you do read this, Mr. Woroniecki, please don't judge a holy book by its cover.

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U.S. wage equality still elusive

Bitter with Age



Angi Sada

A funny thing happened and I wasn't even on the way to the forum. I was actually in a fast food drive-thru.

My kid, who happens to be a genius, was asking me the traditional 956 questions required of every 15 minute drive with a child.

"Why do you always get to pick the music?"

"What's your favorite Disney Channel show?"

"What does minimum wage mean?"

That question and its answer actually sparked her interest. It was immediately followed by another long and tireless barrage of questions. The kid made me think for minute. It stung at first, but like my yoga instructor says about the shaking of muscles I must obviously have hidden under my squishy outer layer: Good.

I'm guessing a lot of people who aren't living on minimum wage paychecks don't normally think about it. But I was given the opportunity to casually examine the pay schedule in the United States and, after some careful consideration and really greasy French fries I realized that I'm displeased. Actually, I'm infuriated.

The national minimum wage was last raised in 1997. It crawled up the poverty ladder by a rung or two to a whopping \$5.15. The current law of the land allows states to adjust the rates so individuals in Los Angeles aren't trying to survive on the same paycheck as a person in Omaha.

The most recent congressional pay raise was in 2005 when the House of Representatives fattened their paychecks to nearly \$160,000 plus generous stipends for everything from telephone service and cost of living adjustments to money for entertaining. These stipends are given on a sliding scale depending on the population of the states they serve.

Their pay raise system is actually brilliant. As long as no one tries to

take it to the floor of either house, they automatically receive a raise of 15 percent. It's even worded so Congress members and senators voting in favor of receiving the increase are listed as voting "nay."

Yet it has been nearly a decade since working-class Americans were given the benefit of an extra \$1.10 per hour. That's kind of obscene when you really take the time to think about.

Congressional fat cats are feeding off of the fruits of these working-class heroes. Congress takes larger chunks out of workers' measly pittances that carry less buying power everyday. They increase taxes, to fund things like wars based on lies and weekends at Camp David, yet they pay nothing of any consequence.

Some senators and representatives have opted to return large portions of their raises to the treasury, including Wisconsin Senator Russ Feingold. But, many more choose to keep the extra \$3,000 to \$4,900 they have received since 1998. I searched and searched the Internet to see what our senators and representatives from Nebraska and Iowa do with their extra money. I don't know about you, but I'm curious.

It is a selfish and heartless position for these elected officials to accept this money and continue to vote down raises in the national minimum wage. Their unkind inaction on behalf of their constituents is evidence that many constituents are so easily blinded to the suffering of their neighbors. Or worse yet, they just don't care.

It is imperative that, in this election year, we take compassion along with common sense with us to the ballot box. We cannot allow self-serving ego-maniacal lords of war to rule over our lives and all of its aspects. We cannot ask the poorest Americans to be OK with becoming poorer.

I have been humbled by the opportunity to go to college. I will hopefully be able to get a job where selling plasma is not requisite for paying my phone bill. But, the woman with tired eyes at the drive-thru may very well have been handing me her three hundredth \$5.15 per hour kiddie meal the day that all of this started. She might not have the option to move forward toward other opportunities, but she shouldn't be forced to fall backwards.

I've never been happy to be in a drive-thru, especially since my driver's side window only goes down about half an inch. This time I got more than a diet soda.



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recruited students to dig in Israel.

UNO seniors Ryan Phelan and Matt Lillig went to the sites this summer.

"We got up at the crack of dawn and went down to the site and started digging right away," Phelan said. "We then had breakfast and dug for the rest of the afternoon, with the exception of Popsicle breaks."

"I will never underestimate the potential value of a Popsicle again," Lillig said.

Recently, diggers have reached levels in some parts that date back to the 10th century—the reign of King David. This also adds to the popularity of the site because it becomes more and more of a living history lesson each time something new is discovered.

Lillig said they found countless artifacts, including blades, bones, a bronze bowl and various pieces of pottery.

Bethsaida volunteers also had free time to travel to nearby Israeli historical sites. Volunteers visited Masada, near the Dead Sea, the Sea of Galilee and the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem. Phelan explained that they "went to a dozen or more historical sites all over Israel."

"The two days that we were in Jerusalem really exposed me to the culture," Lillig said.

Reynolds explained that even

though Israel has Hebrew-speaking people, the country is very westernized so many people do speak English.

"Once you find a common ground... you find out how many similarities you really have, and the only things dissimilar are the looks of your house or the way you cook something," he said.

Phelan reminisced that his trip to Israel was "not anything like what I expected and you can't really know what it is like until you go there. The media portrays the Middle East as being full of violence. What they don't show you is that the majority of the people are just like you and me—going to school, working and enjoying life."

Both Phelan and Lillig highly recommend this experience to other students but warned them not to go if "you aren't prepared to work hard."

Phelan offered a different perspective and advised "people shouldn't be discouraged just because they aren't archaeology majors." Both have majors outside the field of archaeology. He pointed out that he might never get to experience the Middle East again, especially on such a low budget.

"UNO's prices sometimes beat out other programs because we are a very economical enterprise and [the students] get a lot of bang for their



photo by Ryan Phelan

A team of 75 students from UNO and other universities recently wrapped up their dig at the Bethsaida excavation site.

luck," he said.

This experience has opened the eyes of many people who now truly understand that Israel is not a place of constant conflict, but one that holds a vast majority of human history. For most volunteers this is a once-in-a-

lifetime experience.

"You are participating in something that most people only read about," Reynolds said. "You are in the cradle of civilization, the area where Christianity was born and partially written."

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